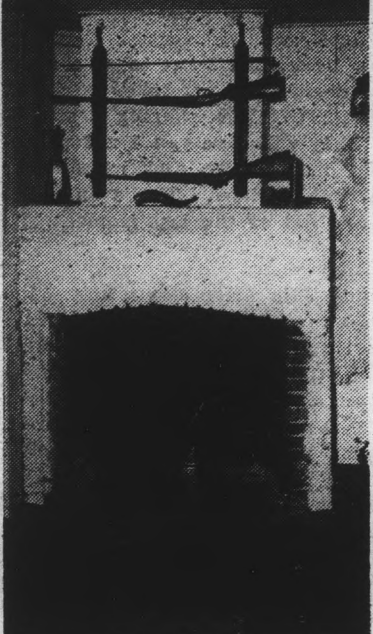


# WE'LL SEE YOU IN PORTERVILLE FOR THE BIG NOVEMBER 12 CELEBRATION

MANY TRAVELERS STOPPED AT THIS CRAMER STATION IN OLD DAYS



IT WAS under the fig trees shown above, at the site of the old Cramer stage stop and road house north of Springville, that pioneers say Frank and Jesse James sat in 1868 when they visited Cramer. Story is that one of them stood guard while the other slept. Middle photo shows the old Cramer house as it is today being occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Roland Killian. Bottom photo shows the old living room fireplace in front of which the James boy perhaps sat, and in front of which without doubt many travellers exchanged yarns through the years when horse-drawn stages, freight wagons and private vehicles moved between the valley area and Mountain Home. (Farm Tribune Photos.)

## MASTITIS MEET

PORTERVILLE, November 1, 1951 — Robert C. Schock, D.V.M., from Lederle laboratories, will speak on mastitis at a meeting in the Porterville high school agricultural building, Tuesday, November 6, 7 p.m. All dairymen and veterinarians of the area are invited to attend; all members of veteran agricultural classes will hear the talk.

Porterville high school Panthers meet Taft high Saturday night on the Porterville field in what promises to be an even-stein tussle. The game had been originally scheduled for Friday night.

## Next Year You Can Expect Further Progress

PORTERVILLE, November 1, 1951 — When pioneers return to Porterville for the reunion in 1952, they can expect to see the following progress and development:

1. Patients in the multimillion dollar, 2,500 bed epileptic hospital that is now being constructed east of Plano;
  2. A new bridge across the Tule river at the old Plano crossing;
  3. Possibly a solution to the urgent city problem of an improved sewage disposal system;
  4. Students occupying new units of Porterville Union High School and College;
  5. Possibly an extension of Henderson road to tie in with 65 highway at Cypress street;
  6. Some permanent buildings for Porterville's Livestock show at the Porterville Municipal ball park;
  7. Further development of Porterville's agricultural area — one of the greatest areas of diversified agriculture in the world;
  8. Possibly one or more industrial plants in Porterville;
  9. A new elementary school on former Jay Brown property south of Tule river to replace the present Vandalia school;
- There may be other progress; some of the items listed may not materialize, but Porterville will move forward, probably not in a spectacular way, but in a firm way, just as it has for more than 90 years.

## Bollay To Speak On Cloud Seeding

DUCOR, November 1, 1951 — Eugene Gollay, president of the North American Weather Consultants, will speak, and show colored pictures, on cloud seeding at a meeting in the women's club here tomorrow night, 8 o'clock. All ranchers are invited to attend. Both plane and ground methods of cloud seeding will be discussed and illustrated.

## DID FRANK AND JESSE JAMES HIDE OUT AT CRAMER IN 60s?

By BILL RODGERS

CRAMER, November 1, 1951 — A single building, the old Cramer house and stage stop, and a dilapidated cemetery are all that remain of this once thriving mountain community, about 10 miles above Springville on the Balch park road, but the shadows of the past are still present and the stories are still told that Frank and Jesse James, the famous outlaws, once hid out there.

The James boys at Cramer? Yes, it's possible, even probable, although admittedly, the "trail is a little cold" in this year of 1951. But Mr. and Mrs. Roland Killian, who now live in the old Cramer house, operating a girls' camp and raising turkeys and live-stock on the ground that was once Cramer, say that during the past several years, three different pioneers, who have returned to visit the old cemetery, have told them almost identical stories about the visit of Frank and Jesse James. Substantially, the story is this: (Continued on Page 10)

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## BISHOP HAS GRAND CHAMPION

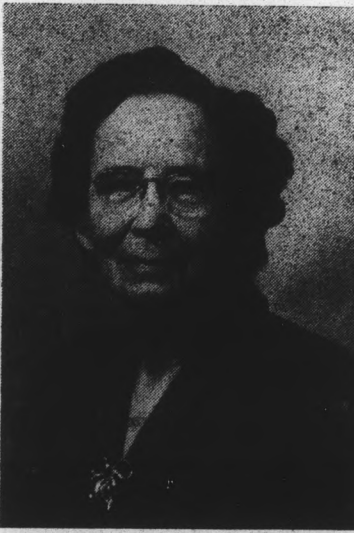
SAN FRANCISCO, October 29, 1951 — A Poland China from the Monache Farms herd of Rolla Bishop, Porterville, was today judged grand champion barrow of the Grand National Livestock Exposition, now underway at the Cow Palace.

In addition, Mr. Bishop showed the champion pen of three Poland Chinas and took two firsts, two seconds and two thirds. He entered six head of barrows in the show; sale of the champion fat animals of the exposition is slated for Friday, November 2.

The Cow Palace show is the top livestock event on the Pacific coast and one of the tops in the nation. It draws entries from throughout western states and to show a grand champion animal there is to hit the peak in livestock competition.

But winning at the Cow Palace is not new for Monache Polands, Mr. Bishop also having the grand champion barrow in 1948, as well (Continued on Page 9)

## HISTORIAN



MISS INA STINER, retired Porterville high school librarian, and authority on local history, who contributed many of the historical articles appearing in this issue of The Farm Tribune. Miss Stiner has also been active in arrangement of the annual Pioneer Reunion, being held this year in Porterville, November 12, as a feature of the Armistice day celebration.

## PORTERVILLE EXTENDS INVITATION

PORTERVILLE, November 1, 1951 — This community is today extending its official invitation to the 33rd Annual Veterans' Homecoming celebration, slated for November 12, when pioneers, newcomers and visitors will join for the city's greatest day of entertainment.

Sponsored by the Porterville posts of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the all-day program will open with a giant street parade at 10 a.m., featuring floats, bands, mounted groups, marching units, decorated cars, pioneer vehicles and other attractions.

As in past years, pioneer residents of the community will be honored at their annual reunion, first when they gather at the former location of the city library where seats for them and Gold Star parents, will be provided during the parade — later at the high school cafeteria, where (Continued on Page 2)

## POLLED HEREFORDS READY FOR SHOW

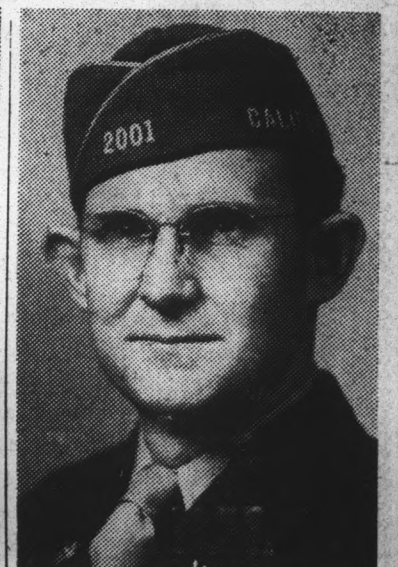
PORTERVILLE, November 1, 1951 — Top quality Polled Herefords are being groomed in the southeastern Tulare county area for the annual Polled Hereford show and sale that is slated for Sacramento, November 9 and 10.

From the AceHi ranch of Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Farnsworth will go three bulls and a heifer to show as get of sire from Milky Way Prince Aster II and three summer yearling bulls that will be sold as a pen.

Miss Sandra Farnsworth will show a Polled steer, also Joe Faure Jr., Porterville, will have a steer in the ring.

Giddings and Patterson, Porterville, will take eight bulls to the show, with all of them to be sold, and Ellis Snow, Woody, will also sell eight head of bulls.

## THEY DIRECT HOMECOMING CELEBRATION



CO-CHAIRMEN of the 1951 Homecoming Celebration, November 12, are Elmore Salisbury, left, past commander of Porterville Post No. 20, The American Legion, and John Knudson, past commander, Mt. Whitney Post 2001, Veterans of Foreign Wars.

## THIS IS YOUR ANNUAL PROGRESS EDITION

PORTERVILLE, November 1, 1951 — This is your annual Progress Edition of The Farm Tribune — an edition designed to give a glimpse of the past, a few words about the present and a look, now and then, into the future.

Please watch the date lines as you read — they are the key to many of the articles. And notice the similarity of our modern problems and accomplishments as compared to the "old days," also the many developments of the community as indicated by stories from the past.

Our personal thanks for assistance in gathering information and pictures for this issue go to Miss Ina Stiner, Dorothy Margo, Hammond, Edwards Studio, F. R. Farnsworth, Delpha Jones, the late Mrs. Anna L. Norris, Chester

Doyle, Ronald Killian, the Justin Iretone, J. A. Milligan, Aubrey M. Lumley Jr., Howard J. Frame, Mrs. Ola Hubbs, the Clint Hubbs, Jay G. Brown, Mrs. Clara Singleton, Mrs. Frank Rounsaville and Nelson Smith.

And our thanks also to our advertisers, whose cooperation makes an edition of this type possible.



## Cowbells Meet In Orosi Saturday

PORTERVILLE, November 1, 1951 — Tulare County Cowbells will meet in Orosi at the Memorial building, 12:10, next Saturday, November 3, it was announced today by Marie Carlisle, Porterville, president of the organization.

Grape vineyards should be irrigated following harvest. While vines use very little water during the late fall and winter, there should always be a supply of water available to the vines.

## Porterville Extends Invitation

(Continued from Page 1)

lunch will be served, registrations taken, a short program presented and the afternoon spent generally in visiting and reliving the old days.

In charge of the reunion is the Porterville chapter of the Native Daughters of the Golden West.

Other entertainment will include a band contest on Main street following the parade; a football game at 2 p.m., with Porterville college meeting Pierce college on the high school field

and also at 2 p.m., hot rod races at the Porterville Speedbowl, with some of the top "Leadfoots" of California competing.

During the evening, three big dances have been planned — at the Veterans of Foreign Wars hall, at the Eagle hall and a Latin-American dance at the Porterville Sports Center.

Special street entertainment has been lined up for the day, and the days preceeding the celebration, and West Coast Shows will open November 6 for a run through November 12, on 65 highway south of town, with features including 15 big shows and 15 new rides that the entire family will enjoy.

Many pioneers have written in to say they will attend the reunion and a crowd even greater than last year's estimated 30,000 persons is expected to line Main street by the time the parade starts.

## COLLEGE MAY PLAY IN TWO BOWLS

PORTERVILLE, November 1, 1951 — Most colleges have a tough time making one bowl game in a season, but Porterville college may play in two this year.

Already the local Pirates are scheduled to meet Visalia college in the Lindsay Olive bowl on Thanksgiving day, but yesterday, an invitation was received from Palo Verde college at Blythe to play in the Desert Bowl there, December 1.

So as things stack up at present, Coach Dino Spigarelli's boys may set some kind of a national record by appearing in two bowl games in one season.

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## SCOTT'S COLUMN

You think you're absent-minded . . . how about the local gasoline truck driver who has run out of gas four times since he's been on that job? Twice within the last month he's had to flag down help. Once he borrowed a pick-up to fetch himself some fuel in and ran it out of gas too! You're not dreaming when you think you see him in a competitor's station having gas pumped in . . . it's real and he's being thankful he could coast in and not have to walk! You'll think it's a dream too when you try one of the foam rubber mattresses and springs from SEARS ORDER OFFICE. Regularly \$134.50, they're on special at \$109.00! 54 inches by 4½ inches thick . . . you really sleep on air, 100% air-foam. Call 1580 and order yours now, they give you budget terms too!

Has your wife a sense of humor? You might try the gag a local husband got by with last week. When he got home in the early morning . . . quick before his spouse could sniff and inquire he assured her he'd had a tiring night. My, he was glad to get home and to bed, been workin' awful hard. It'd been, "An up Hill and Hill battle" he'd fought all night, he complained! Now there's a wife! She laughed! That kind of wife deserves the best. You should call 107-W and order the works for her. Is she wanting a new hair-styling? Would she love a perfect permanent? Treat her to the kind of service she deserves . . . at FLORENCE PEAK'S BEAUTY SALON, corner of 2nd and Harrison.



And people say women gossip . . . a man told me that another man told him that still another fella told him that a 4th man in town had better watch it! His wife (according to the boys) has blood in her eye! She's a-gainin' on ya, Son! If you want to know allil about how wonderful CULLIGAN SOFT WATER SERVICE is, ask the men who have fewer bills to pay cuz of Culligan's savings to them . . . also they have no more plumbing chores around the house. Phone Lindsay 2-4052.

Don't be insulted if a clerk refuses to cash your check. If you are as honest as you pretend you must have plenty of friends who will cash your checks. Merchants have given clerks strict orders to refuse checks unless they know the writers. The recent rash of rubber hereabouts justifies the rule. When businesses want to give away merchandise . . . they'll stage a sale or special, not take worthless checks. EDWARDS PHOTOGRAPHY STUDIO is offering a special for the first 20 days of November. They will give you 4 x 6 photographs for the price of 3 x 5s. Call immediately and make your appointment . . . Christmas picture time is short. That's one kind of present that you can't rush out and get at the last moment. It takes time to finish up photos.

The Chamber of Commerce membership drive starts now. I'm gettin' awful fed up with so many people saying "they" when speaking of the C. of C. Why not make it more of a "we" proposition? Plenty has been accomplished by the outfit lately and plenty more will come in the future . . . here's your chance to climb on the band wagon and share in the glory. Here's another good opportunity . . . save your energy in Christmas shopping and give the best loved gifts . . . books and magazines. BREY'S BOOK SHELF will get anything for you that's printed. Marie just received another shipment of Swedish Angel Chimes . . . but they're going fast. Shop by 600 N. "D" street and get yours soon. While you're there, have a look at the beautiful "Rose Jars" . . . they won't last long either. Ordered your Christmas Cards yet? Marie has beauties!

Dear Santa Claus, I don't need anything special for Christmas . . . but I think it would be nice if we had dial phones and some pay phones out on W. Olive, also are you going to bring us a new sewer for our stocking? And if you find any extra libraries could you send us one? We try to be good but sometimes we forget and call each other bad names, but mostly we don't hit . . . we're scared to.

It's about time somebody found a way to decorate a town for Christmas without it costing a fortune. Those \*\$!&!!% overhead contraptions cost like fury, break too easily, and are fierce to put up and keep up. There's a get-rich-quick scheme for ya! Invent something! Holiday season is a pity without decorations, parties, festivities and trimmings . . . but woocooe, the cost and trouble! Your best bet for your own dressing-up is to get your glad-rags to PROCTOR'S CLEANERS regularly. Party time has started and if you make it to the end of the season, you'll have to make it a habit to stop by Putnam and 4th regularly. Proctor's give you retexturing free on all fabrics. See what a difference it makes to your drapes, bed spreads, and blankets as well as your clothes.

How I wish somebody would think up a new name for "Armistice" Day! Well do I remember the original one . . . how many wars ago? Lots of the rest of you remember that one . . . and too many more between. I know I'm not the only one who feels we could find a better name for our fall bust.



If it's a memorial day we want . . . there's a perfectly good one on the calendar that is ignored by the same people who make such a fuss every November 11. Remodeling is what we need. Our holiday is as sad as the room in this picture. That room can be made bright and cheerful with remodeling. BREY-WRIGHT LUMBER CO. has all the materials, tools, and know-how that you'll need. Stop in and see about a free estimate. Terms as low as 10% down and 30 months to pay.

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**SUMMONS**  
No. 41402  
In The Superior Court of the County Of Tulare, State of California

**MAMIE MOORE, Plaintiff vs. CLINTON MOORE, Defendant.**

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA SEND GREETINGS TO: CLINTON JAMES MOORE, Defendant.**

**YOU ARE HEREBY DIRECTED TO APPEAR** and answer the Complaint in the action entitled as above, brought against you in the Superior Court of said County of Tulare, State of California, within ten days after the service on you of this Summons, if served within this County, or within thirty days, if served elsewhere.

And you are hereby notified that unless you appear and answer as above required, the said Plaintiff will take judgment for any money or damages demanded in the Complaint, as arising upon contract, or Plaintiff will apply to Court for any other relief demanded in the Complaint.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Superior Court of the said Tulare County, State of California, this 12th day of January, 1951.

By **INEZ C. HYDE/SL**, Deputy (COURT SEAL)

**CLAUDE H. GRANT/SL**, Clerk  
s20,21,04,11,18,25,n1,8,15,22

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
No. 11498

In the Superior Court of the State of California In and For The County of Tulare

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ALLEN BLAIR, DECEASED.**

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned executor of the Last Will and Testament of said deceased, to the creditors of and all persons having claims against said deceased or against his estate, to file them with the necessary vouchers within six months after the first publication of this notice, in the office of the Clerk of the above entitled court, at his office at the Court House in the City of Visalia, County of Tulare, State of California, or to file such claims, together with the necessary vouchers, within six months after the first publication of this notice, with the said executrix at the office of Burford & Hubler, Bank of America Building, in the City of Porterville, County of Tulare, State of California, which said last named office the undersigned selects as his place of business in all matters connected with the estate of said deceased.

**E. A. BLAIR**  
Executor of the Last Will and Testament of said deceased.

**BURFORD & HUBLER**  
Attorneys for Executor  
Bank of America Bldg.  
Porterville, Calif.

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
No. 11501

In the Superior Court of the State of California In and For The County of Tulare

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ARTHUR BOLLA CROOK, ALSO KNOWN AS ARTHUR B. CROOK AND A. B. CROOK, DECEASED.**

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned executrix of the Last Will and Testament of said deceased, to the creditors of and all persons having claims against said deceased or against his estate, to file them with the necessary vouchers within six months after the first publication of this notice, in the office of the Clerk of the above entitled court, at his office at the Court House in the City of Visalia, County of Tulare, State of California, or to file such claims, together with the necessary vouchers, within six months after the first publication of this notice, with the said executrix at the office of Burford & Hubler, Bank of America Building, in the City of Porterville, County of Tulare, State of California, which said last named office the undersigned selects as her place of business in all matters connected with the estate of said deceased.

**SARAH P. CROOK**  
Executrix of the Last Will and Testament of said deceased.

**BURFORD & HUBLER**  
Attorneys for Executrix  
Bank of America Bldg.  
Porterville, Calif.

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**Awards Are Made To Burton 4-H**

**PLEASANT VIEW —** October 26, 1951 — Pleasant View 4-H club was host last night at a pre-Halloween party, at which Burton 4-H members were guests and at which Burton club officers were installed and awards made to members.

A plaque was presented to Burton's 4-H dairy judging team, composed of John Warnock, Jr., Bob Stevens, Merrill Castle and Donald Castle; Farm Advisor Ralph Worrell awarded year pins, stripes and membership certificates to both the Burton and Pleasant View clubs.

Featured at the party was a "Spook room;" refreshments were served at the close of the meeting.

## LEGAL NOTICES

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
No. 11511  
In The Superior Court of the State of California In and For The County of Tulare

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARY KUNERT, DECEASED.**

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned administratrix of the estate of said deceased to the creditors of and all persons having claims against said deceased or against her estate, to file them with the necessary vouchers within six months after the first publication of this notice, in the office of the clerk of the above entitled court, at his office at the Court House in the City of Visalia, County of Tulare, State of California, or to file such claims, together with the necessary vouchers, within six months after the first publication of this notice with the said administratrix at the office of Burford & Hubler, Bank of America Building, in the City of Porterville, County of Tulare, State of California, which said last named office the undersigned selects as her place of business in all matters connected with the estate of said deceased.

**LUCILLE H. HAHN**  
Administratrix of the Estate of said deceased.

**BURFORD & HUBLER**  
Attorneys for Administratrix  
Bank of America Bldg.  
Porterville, Calif.

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
No. 11509

In The Superior Court of the State of California In and For The County of Tulare

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ARTHUR E. CHRISTENSEN, ALSO KNOWN AS ARTHUR EDWARD CHRISTENSEN AND A. E. CHRISTENSEN, DECEASED.**

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned executrix of the Last Will and Testament of said deceased, to the creditors of and all persons having claims against said deceased or against his estate, to file them with the necessary vouchers within six months after the first publication of this notice, in the office of the clerk of the above entitled court, at his office at the Court House in the City of Visalia, County of Tulare, State of California, or to file such claims, together with the necessary vouchers, within six months after the first publication of this notice with the said executrix at the office of Burford & Hubler, Bank of America Building, in the City of Porterville, County of Tulare, State of California, which said last named office the undersigned selects as her place of business in all matters connected with the estate of said deceased.

**MAMIE L. CHRISTENSEN**  
Executrix of the Last Will and Testament of said deceased.

**BURFORD & HUBLER**  
Attorneys for Executrix  
Bank of America Building,  
Porterville, California

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
No. 11495

In The Superior Court of the State of California In and For The County Of Tulare

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MAUDE PEARL JONES, ALSO KNOWN AS MAUDE JONES, M. P. JONES, MAUDE P. JONES AND MRS. W. H. JONES, DECEASED.**

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned administrator of the estate of said deceased to the creditors of and all persons having claims against said deceased or against her estate, to file them with the necessary vouchers within six months after the first publication of this notice, in the office of the clerk of the above entitled court, at his office at the court house in the City of Visalia, County of Tulare, State of California, or to file such claims, together with the necessary vouchers, within six months after the first publication of this notice with the said administrator at the office of Burford & Hubler, Bank of America Building, in the City of Porterville, County of Tulare, State of California, which said last named office the undersigned selects as his place of business in all matters connected with the estate of said deceased.

**W. M. JONES**  
Administrator of the Estate of said Deceased.

**BURFORD & HUBLER**  
Attorneys for Administrator

Date of first publication:  
October 25, 1951. **O25,N1,8,15,22**

**Fresno Ski Club Fashion Show Set**

**FRESNO, November 1, 1951 —** Fresno Ski club will hold a fashion show on November 8 in the Empire room of the Hotel Californian, Fresno, where all types of skiing equipment will be shown and modeled. There will be no admission charge.

All skiers from the San Joaquin valley are being invited to attend.

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## Porterville's Barn Theater Known Nationally

**PORTERVILLE, November 1, 1951 —** Porterville has always been interested in the theater from the days of the old Opera House and the Lambs Club up to and including the present, with the currently operating Barn theater having achieved national recognition through its program of regional theater work.

Organized in the winter of 1948, the theater actually went into production the following spring, working from a remodeled barn at the Anna Smith ranch on the west edge of town. Expanding into a year-around venture, next location of the theater was in a shed formerly used for turkey processing, then came the real jump into the completely remodelled Green Mill pavilion on the west edge of town.

Guiding light of the Barn is Director Pete Tewksbury, who, with the help of many residents of the community, has extended activities into the field of children's plays, "Drawing Room" productions, classes in various techniques of the theater as well as radio, and now — a touring company of professionals who will play many of the cities of California during the coming winter and spring.

During the four-year history of the Barn, some 350 local actors have participated; a "nucleus" group of professionals has been maintained and the Barn theater was named as one of six delegates from the West Coast region to represent 114 theaters at the first American National Theater assembly in New York City in January of this year.

Not only is the Barn providing excellent entertainment; it is also providing an outlet for talents that must usually be dormant in a community the size of Porterville. In addition, the Barn, through its travels, is bringing considerable favorable publicity to the community of Porterville.

Tulare County tests have shown Ventura oats to be the best variety for hay production.

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## DID FRANK AND JESSE JAMES HIDE OUT AT CRAMER IN 60s?

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The James boys rode into Cramer and stopped at the house; Frank had a gun wound in one leg. They stayed at Cramer for some time, one of them always on guard while the other rested.

"It was under those fig trees that the James boys sat," say these pioneers, indicating the trees that have now grown to tremendous size in front of the old house.

One morning Frank and Jesse saddled their horses, rode down to the river and disappeared. That was the last seen of them at Cramer.

The James boys at Cramer?

Well, let's tie together a few historical facts and see what we come up with.

On March 20, 1868, the James gang moved into the bank at Russellville, Kentucky, and left with \$14,000. The holdup was typical of others the gang staged, except that this time, instead of a hastily organized posse following them for a short distance, not really wanting to catch them, the Russellville bankers put D. T. Bligh and William Gallagher, Pinkerton detectives, on the trail of the gang, and Frank and Jesse decided to "take a vacation."

Jesse went to New York City, took in the sites, went by boat to Panama, crossed the isthmus, took another boat, landed at San Francisco, then headed for Paso Robles, to visit his uncle, Drury Woodson James, who founded the town of Paso Robles, operated the mineral spring there and ran cattle in the area.

Meanwhile, Frank travelled overland and joined Jesse at their uncle's ranch. They spent several months, possibly a year in California, and while there is little record of their activities, it is believed that Frank spent considerable time looking for the grave of his father, a minister

who had come to California in the gold rush days and is believed to have died at Marysville, while Jesse rode with the cowboys employed by his uncle.

Now there can be no doubt but that the James boys were in California in 1868, that they spent a period of time at Paso Robles, that in riding with D. W. James' cowboys they could easily have gotten into the Sierra foothills, since in those days of no fences, cattle roundups covered great areas of the valley, and if they searched for their father's grave, as records indicate at least Frank did, it is not improbable that they covered much of the foothill country adjacent to the valley area and the mining districts.

The James boys at Cramer?

Well, let's take a brief look at the history of Cramer. In 1857, Jacob Cramer married Eleanor Axe in Sonora. They later moved to Tulare county and homesteaded at what was to become Cramer in 1863. It is likely that the house was built as soon as possible and that by 1868, when the James boys appeared, a start had been made toward development of the Cramer community.

One piece of the pioneer story, as told to Mr. Killian, does not tie in. There is no record of Frank James being wounded in the Russellville bank robbery and even if he had been, his wound would have healed by the time he supposedly got to Cramer. It is possible, of course, that he received a wound in California. Jesse James was never wounded during his career as an outlaw. He was nearly killed while returning home after riding with Quantrell's Raiders while still a boy, but he was never again shot until he was murdered by Bob Ford.

The story that while at Cramer, Frank or Jesse always sat under the fig trees on guard while the other slept, is logical enough, since they followed this procedure many times.

The James boys at Cramer?

Well, Frank and Jesse were in California in 1868; Cramer existed in 1868; they could easily have reached there while riding after cattle, while looking for the grave of their father, or while on their way back to their home in Missouri. And the story that they visited Cramer must have started from somewhere. It can be fact just as easily as not.

The James boys at Cramer?

Well, now, we just believe they were.

(Note: If any pioneer recalls stories concerning Frank and Jesse James in this area, we would appreciate hearing from you. Just drop a line to The Farm Tribune,

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The store will feature the famous Firestone truck, farm and passenger car tires; the Firestone factory-method retreading service will also be available.

Other merchandise will include batteries, spark plugs, home and auto supplies, radios, home appliances, houseware, hardware, wheel goods, recreation equipment, lawn and garden supplies and toys. Featured at the grand opening will be a Firestone Toyland.

Mr. Evans, the store manager, is married and has two children; his family will move to Porterville in the near future. Service manager will be Autis Kanady, of Porterville.

Top executives of the Firestone Tire and Rubber company will be on hand for the opening, including W. H. Ryan, district manager; and J. W. Maier, supervisor of stores. Supervising merchandis-

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THE FARM TRIBUNE

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## J. M. NELSON HAD FRIENDLY CAMP IN 80s

By Ina H. Stiner

(Interesting items about the trip as he told them were recorded by a niece.)

The site of Camp Nelson as a mountain summer resort was chosen carefully by John Milton Nelson, its founder. He loved to wander through the Sierras. He knew that others, ever since the early '60s of John Muir, also loved and traversed the Sierras. He had later seen how hundreds enjoyed camp life at Mountain Home. This well-watered hollow on the Tule's upper waters seemed to him the ideal spot. He lived there a while in 1885 to test it, and began to build a cabin and to make a good trail out; for the trail he had come on led through the Tule Indian reservation. The next March he brought his two daughters there, one was 20 years old, the other 12. He had also two grown sons. They were three days going up and camped two nights on the trail. They homesteaded 320 acres of land.

The building of the cabin with a few simple tools was described by the younger daughter, Emma. It was built of shakes, with double walls filled between with mud. The frame was of sugarpine posts set three feet apart and of hewn logs. The shakes on the outside were lapped; but on the inside there was a smooth surface.

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## THE OLD DAYS WERE HAPPY DAYS AT THE MOUNTAIN HOME OF J. M. NELSON



IT WAS a tough ride into the camp of John Milton Nelson in the early days, but the hospitality received after arriving, according to persons who enjoyed it, made

the trip more than worthwhile. In the picture above, taken, it is believed, at the original homestead cabin on what is now Lindsay Flat at Camp Nelson, Mr.

Nelson is seated on the right. the older son of Mr. Nelson, and Standing on the left, with the seated is, we believe, Belle Wilson. guitar, is his daughter, Emma. The woman standing is not identified. Do you know her? standing back of the hammock is

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## John Milton Nelson Brought Spirit Of Friendliness To Mountain Camp

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A natural finish was left.

The shakes were split out with a frow — a long knife-like tool with a handle at right-angles to the blade — from the round cuts or sections, somewhat over a foot thick, sawed from sugar-pine trees six or more feet in diameter. The careful measuring of such a circular section from its center enabled the worker to split it into eight pieces shaped like pieces of a pie. Each of these pieces is called a "bolt."

John Nelson would haul these bolts on a sled drawn by a big gray mare to the site of his cabin. (Also stones were brought in the same way for a fireplace and a

chimney.) For splitting into shakes, a bolt was stuck into a groove cut across two logs (staked to the ground) which made a "brake." Then about 16 shakes would be split from it by working the frow sideways and by striking it with a maul. (The maul, both hammer and handle, was made of dogwood which was unusually tough and resilient.)

The shakes were nailed on with the early square-cornered nails. Probably such construction was easy for John Nelson because he was by trade a miller and had constructed mills; in fact, had been in grist mills most of one quarter of a century.

He was born in 1830 and in

1850 left Illinois by ox team for California.

At the end of the trip the crossing of the Sierras was made at "Carson Canyon;" and he stopped at Placerville to mine. Stirring tales of the mining camps and of the northern California settlements were among those with which he later entertained visitors at Camp Nelson. He also had tales to tell of the mountains, such as an experience when in 1868 an earthquake formed Kern lakes while he with four other men were on a fishing trip in Kern canyon.

In 1855 he had returned to Illinois via Panama and was married that year to his first wife, Mary Jane Russell. Their first child died at the age of two. By 1860 he had returned to California and, until 1866 had a grist mill on Outside Creek near Visalia (later run by Nathan Dillon.) This is said to have been the first grist mill in Tulare county. His son, Don, one of two children who survived him, was born at Visalia (January 1, 1861) as also were two daughters — one Mary Louise, who died at the age of 17, and the other, Eva Anna, who was his housekeeper at Camp Nelson until her marriage to Alex Gilliam and her early death in 1892.

For a year or two he operated a grist mill at Bishop in Inyo county, and then returned to Visalia. His first wife died there in 1870; and he took his family of four children back to Illinois. In 1871 he married as his second wife Louisa Clay Squires, of Princeton, Missouri, and returned

to California to make his home at Arroyo Grande in San Luis Obispo county. In interludes of his residence there he operated a grist mill at Lakeport, California, and, after the death of his second wife in 1874, built and managed one at Alsea, Oregon.

It was from Arroyo Grande that he moved his family to the mountains in 1886, perhaps expecting better health for them in the more vigorous climate at an altitude of 4,700 feet above sea-level. However, his youngest son, Finis Ewing, born in 1868, died in 1893. Emma Nelson, born in 1874, the only child of his second wife, lived unto the age of 74. In 1899 she married Charles B. Smith; and they continued the management of Camp Nelson after John Nelson's death in August 1909. When their son, Nelson Smith, grew up he had charge of the pack trains for parties of tourists to the back country — Jordan Hot Springs, Mt. Whitney, Kern river, and Kings canyon. Nelson Smith and his second wife now live at Pine-Top, Arizona; and his father is with them.

The Nelsons' mountain home, known at first as Nelson's or Nelson's Camp, grew slowly into a summer resort. Although it was only 17 miles above Springville and use could be made of the early wagon-road to Doyle's Springs and the later Camp Wishon nearly as far as The Forks (where the power plant now is), yet going on from there up Middle Tule, or Nelson's Fork, required a good part of a day's climbing by horseback. Some, besides the confirmed mountain climbers, were willing to undertake it, as Mrs. Mont Chubb's story of 1895 shows.

John Nelson had a small saw-mill and put up shake cabins and tents to lease to valley folks seeking a quiet, pleasant spot where they could remain for a summer vacation. Many Porterville residents could be named as those who began going to Nelson's for the summer; and also families came from Lindsay and Visalia.

About 1899 Charles Smith and Carmel Wilson began a scheduled pack-train to Nelson's from the Akins ranch about four miles below The Forks. This was their first station, where the wagons, and later the automobiles, of those desiring to go up could be safely

left; later the station was moved nearer The Forks.

The horseback ride required about five hours. This mode of reaching the resort continued until 1921 when the present automobile road was constructed. This road was put under a control system whereby no automobiles would meet on the road; the going up and coming down were during alternating two-hour periods.

John Nelson had added a larger two-storied building to his first cabin — a big log house, containing a fireplace and large lobby. There was a large dining room in which 100 diners could sit. The meals were served "family style." Many of our country's notables stopped to eat or to spend the night on a tour of the High Sierras.

It is said that Mr. Nelson would rise in the night to prepare a meal for a late-comer — a not unusual courtesy in early days. The guests often danced in the larger room. It was just after such a festivity in 1927 that a fire destroyed the hotel and the original Nelson shakes cabin. A log cabin belonging to Don Nelson still stands. The hotel was rebuilt.

After a road was brought into Camp Nelson, the Smiths sold cabins and lots to those who had been leasing them, and other lots to newcomers. In the extended settlement most cabins were gradually replaced by larger houses; and the electric system and water supply are available to all. The same spirit of friendliness of the founder has continued to permeate the growing community.

### Black Sheep Puts Black Bear Up Tree

PORTERVILLE, June 9, 1888—D. A. Vaughn says that one of his black sheep, running with his band in the mountains, took after a black bear the other day in the presence of the herder. The sheep ran Bruin up a tree and he was shot by the herder. That must be a very brave sheep or a very cowardly bear.

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## Illinois To Hangtown Trip In Summer Of 1850 Is Recounted By Diary Of Camp Nelson Founder

(Copy of John Nelson's "Trip to California — 1850")

Left Oquawka, Illinois, March 20, 1850, in 19th year, with nine wagons with oxen — 27 yoke — with forty men. Crossed Missouri River at the present site of Omaha. The Mormons were then in the midst of their troubles, the main wing having already occupied the site of Salt Lake City, a faction were wintering at Canesville, the present site of Council Bluffs.

They sold us an Emigrant Guide Book, telling routes to wood, water, etc., leading us up the Platte River Valley to South Pass by way of Fort Laramie where were stationed two or three companies of soldiers.

The stream of gold hunters were never apart more than five or more miles, the dust never settling on the route.

About Pawnee Springs we encountered vast herds of Buffalo, at one time our train was stopped by their passage, our time being occupied by attending our cattle.

The regular corral was formed at night. The leader would form a circle dropping the wagon tongue followed by each in turn, forming a circle. In the morning the man next to the leader was the leading team.

The company was headed by Capt. Pence (Robert) Ike Morris, Lieut.

Watch was appointed in regular order, two for camp and two or more for cattle. Every Sunday, if possible, we rested. The rush was for feed for our cattle.

Omaha, May 10; Laramie, June 10; Salt Lake City, July 4.

We celebrated eating vegetables and bearding Brigham in his den.

It was a little village well laid off into lots of from 1/2 to 5 acres each laid off by willow wicker. Water ditches leading through the streets. Beautiful streams of mountain water furnishing the irrigation — the first our boys had ever seen. No fruit had been set out yet.

After leaving Salt Lake our course was north by way of Bear River, Goose Creek mountain to the head waters of the Humbolt. Going down the sinks of the Hum-

bolt our rations became almost exhausted, our bill of fare consisting of rice and rabbit.

All along the river our cattle dropped out — feed was poor. Wearily we crossed from the sinks of the Humbolt to the sinks of the Carson, through deserted wagons and dead carcasses of animals until we reached Ragtown with about half our oxen and four wagons. All the company well.

Traders there would supply provision, and exchange rested for worn-out cattle. Provisions were worth \$1.00 per pound. Capt. Pence traded one yoke of oxen for 75 pounds of flour. These were issued to those most in need — no man getting more than five pounds.

The next day 15 of the men started afoot for the mines across the mountains.

Ex-Governor Boggs of Missouri sold flour for \$1.50 per pound — to those who had no money took their note as payment.

Crossed the mountains at Carson Canyon — very rough road. Reached Hangtown (now Placerville) August 13, 1850, where we sold off cattle and wagons and all the men scattered. Cattle sold at \$100.00 and \$150.00 per yoke and single cows sold at \$150 per head. Lots of money but many looked blue and discouraged when they could easily earn \$5.00 per day.

All so far as I know of that party excepting one other and myself are gone and not one of them made a fortune to my knowledge — all were peaceable, hard-working men and had no trouble getting along in the then rough mining fields.

### Water Contract

PORTERVILLE, February 15, 1951 — Another page of water history was written Tuesday afternoon at the Saucelito school when directors of the Saucelito Irrigation district signed a 40-year contract for Central Valley project water and a second contract for construction of a distribution system with the bureau of reclamation.

### Rodgers Moore Heads Supervisors

PORTERVILLE, January 11, 1951 — Rodgers L. Moore, of Porterville, has been elected chair-



RODGERS L. MOORE

man of the Tulare county board of supervisors to serve for the 1951 year. Mr. Moore, son of the late Jim Moore and Mrs. Maggie Moore, was elected as supervisors from the second district two years ago.

He replaced R. B. Oliver, Dinuba, as board chairman, Mr. Oliver deciding not to run for reelection after serving on the board for 20 years.

### THING OF BEAUTY

PORTERVILLE, March 4, 1896 — J. J. Cairns' orange and lemon grove, nine miles from Porterville and four or five from the foothills proper, is a thing of beauty. The trees are thrifty and as they show no effect of the January freeze, it clearly demonstrates the fitness of that section to orange culture.

Work is now under way on reconstruction of Rockford bridge, which was badly damaged during the Tule River flood of last November.

### Marshall Elected

PORTERVILLE, April 28, 1951 — Bob Marshall, has been elected president of the Southern Tulare County Sportsmen's association, announcement of his election being made at the annual "fish and game" dinner, attended by some 1200 persons held Monday evening.

### FIRST COTTON

WOODVILLE, August 30, 1951 — First cotton in the southeastern Tulare county area was ginned by the Tule River Cooperative, here today, the cotton coming from the ranch of Charles Sturdevant.

### Joe Faure Retires From Hope Board

PORTERVILLE, May 29, 1951 — Joe Faure, pioneer rancher of the Hope district, was honored last night at a potluck supper in Murry park, following his retirement from the Hope Community school board after 30 years of service.

When Mr. Faure went on the school board, the Hope school was closed. He reorganized the setup and succeeded in reopening the school with six pupils, the minimum allowable for a school at that time. When he retired, the school had an enrollment of 50.

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## Brown Brothers and Huffman White Early-Day Sheepmen Who Used Mountain Ranges Along Tule

By Ina H. Stiner

In the years before the Forest Service of the Government took over the upper watershed of Tule river, this region was ideal summer pasture for cattle and, especially for sheep. Among those who early followed the sheep into the mountains were the two Brown brothers, Clinton and William and their stepfather, Huffman White.

In 1857 Mrs. Jerusha Anthony Brown came to Visalia from New York state bringing her two sons, Clinton Thomas Brown, who was born February 7, 1850, and William Willard Brown, who was born November 13, 1851. Her husband, William Alexander Brown, had come to Visalia in 1854 and was teaching school. But the two were not reconciled to live together; and after several more years of teaching William A. Brown, who was also a musician, went East and enlisted in the Union Army; after the Civil War he lived and died in Texas.

Mrs. Jerusha Brown married Huffman White in 1859 and the family went with him to Frazier Valley where he had located 160 acres of land. He had come from New York state to California in 1850, and in 1855 had a provision



CLINT BROWN, with his daughters, Veda Brown (Daley) Ruby Brown (Anderson) his wife, Ruby Gibbons Brown and son, Jay G. Brown.

store in Sacramento and was interested in a fleet of sailing schooners shipping wheat from Australia.

In 1857 he set up a general merchandise store in Visalia; but, selling that, he brought 800 sheep from Monterey. These they drove to the ranch in Frazier Valley and they gradually increased to several thousands, while he acquired much land. One of his mountain pastures is now called White

Meadows. Another historical item about Huffman White is that he was the local man who helped Col. Whiting, the California Indian superintendent, to locate the tract for the present Indian reservation.

Mrs. Jerusha White is to be remembered as one of the two women who started the orange industry in Porterville by raising orange seedlings in 1864 and planting them for outdoor fruit

trees. (The other one was Jay Brown's other grandmother — Amanda Hawthorne Gibbons.)

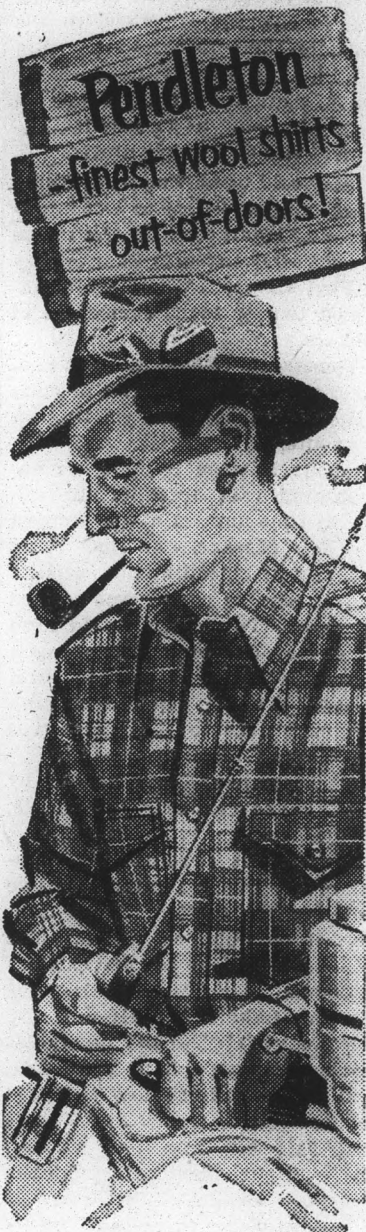
Clinton and William Brown helped their stepfather with the sheep and the farm; but soon it became necessary to shift for themselves to get an education. They attended the Tule River school at Vandalia, which was usually taught by educated men from the East. Mattie Rose Clarks told of the political arguments they and other school children, whose parents were from the South, had as they walked to school together, in the Civil War days and later; the Brown boys lived with a Mr. Chatham. Then Clinton Brown attended the University of the Pacific at San Jose. One year he was a vaquero for A. P. Wilcox. Then he began acquiring sheep by herding them and taking care of them for shares; this of course took him to the mountains in summer; but he secured land in Frazier Valley.

William Brown learned harness-making from George McKelvey, Jr. and said he made the first pair of kyaks there — for Jim Carothers. He assisted McKelvey in Tule Post-office and later drove stage. He took up a homestead and farmed some; but much of the time until his death in 1940 he lived in Porterville. Hence interviews with him were informative on the early days. Here are passages from such

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## Sewer Bonds Fail

PORTERVILLE, June 27, 1951 — For the second time in a year, Porterville voters yesterday turned down a \$450,000 bond issue for construction of a new city sewage disposal plant. With a two-thirds vote necessary, 553 voted in favor, 448 against. City officials are now considering possible plans to take care of the city's sewage disposal problem.



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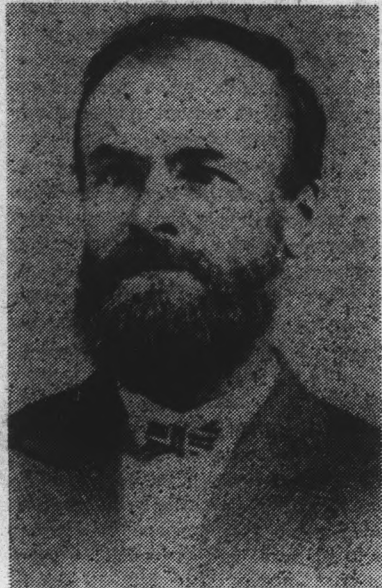


## Brown Brothers and Huffman White, Early Day Sheepmen Who Used Mountain Ranges Along Tule

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interviews:

"In 1861 and 1862 it rained and rained; my mother sat up all



HUFFMAN WHITE



JERUSHA BROWN WHITE

night to dry the men's clothes so they might wear them the next day (this she did many times.) I then came over here to Porterville after the flood, which changed the river channel, had gone down. The Lewises who had lived near John Miller's had been flooded out and moved. In 1862 Putnam's store had already been built in Porterville. The Walbridges also moved out from the Miller neighborhood.

"Through Frazier Valley sheep were taken up to Lewis Creek. In 1864, two years after the flood, there was a dry year (the tules dried back as far as the Wilcox ranch.) The sheep had to be driven to Greenhorn to save their lives. The sheep to Hossack went up Bear Creek through the Stout cutoff. Stout hauled freight from old Fresno (20 miles from where it is now). Here boats came up the Slough with freight; and he met it with a 20-mule team and hauled it this far.

"The big freight wagons used extended way over the horses in front (slanting at both ends to hold more freight); they were used later to haul wool to Stockton where a price of 15 to 20 cents per pound was paid.

"In 1867 I ran away from home and went to the mountains with Newt Crabtree, helping him drive his sheep up Arastra canyon. We felled trees for a corral. . . The 'No-Fence Law' checked that industry. Before that there were thousands of horses. Principal owners were Charles Wingfield (an unmarried man) and Jim McGahey.

"Mrs. Huffman White's orange tree grew from the seed of two oranges Billy Morrow brought when he came to go with Mr. White to Slate Range (a man by the name of Lyon was with him.) It took seven years before the orange tree bore. Mr. Gibbons, who had an early seedling orange tree,

brought seedling orange trees from Los Angeles and set out a grove when he saw the success of the first tree. But Mr. White did not set out an orange orchard; instead he set out the first peach orchard on Tule river. He sold the peaches at ten cents a pound to Mr. Enloe who hauled them to Visalia to sell.

"As to the 'Upper Crossing' of the Tule, sometimes mentioned, it was near the Indian Reservation (near what is now Houghton's Corner.) Levi Bond had his sheep ranch about there. It was such a hard bottom that one could cross there safely even when the water was deep enough to come over the buggy seats. Madden owned the land of the first reservation, had bought it as swamp land. The adobe houses on it were built before the Civil War. The first agent was Mr. Tucker, the next Huffman, then Maltby, then Miller."

Clinton Brown prospered in the sheep business from 1869 to 1877. His sheep ranged in the Mountain Home and Camp Nelson areas and south to the Indian Reservation and east to the Little Kern river. But the dry year of 1877 brought disaster to all sheepmen. However by 1880 he was back in the

sheep business again. His family went into the mountains to spend the summer when the sheep went up to pasturage.

In 1902 he sold his Frazier Valley lands to the Gills. (These were separate from the Huffman White property, which the Browns did not inherit.) Two years later he sold the sheep and began dairying; for this purpose he bought the William Martin place of about 400 acres extending from the top of Martin Hill to the river. William Martin was a pioneer of 1861 who had twelve children; he died in 1896; so the property was purchased from his heirs.

In this Plano section Clinton Brown became a share-holder on the old Campbell and Moreland ditch. (He was one of four men who adjudicated the use of Tule river water in this and other ditches. The other men were W. R. Clack, E. L. Prestage, and Wilson Davidson.)

In 1890 Clinton Brown and his wife, who was Ruby Gibbons, had built a house on land she had from her father, G. Deming Gibbons at Plano and a quarter mile west of the Vandalia schoolhouse; this was so that their children might go to school. These chil-

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## NEW RESERVE WARDEN ORGANIZATION SPENDS 4,885 HOURS IN GAME LAWS ENFORCEMENT WORK DURING YEAR

PORTERVILLE, July 1, 1951—In the good old days when fish and game were plentiful and laws concerning them were few, game wardens were a rare or unknown specie, but today, with thousands of people fishing and hunting in the Sierra every year, game wardens play an important part in the preservation and conservation of fish and game.

Working with regular wardens in Tulare county for about two years, now, has been a group of reserve wardens—specially trained men who serve without pay—who agument the staff of regular wardens.

Evidence of the work these reserves do is seen in a report, released yesterday, in which it is stated that during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1951, reserve wardens travelled 47,823 miles by car; 246 miles by horse and 16,131 miles by airplane in aiding regular game wardens in law enforcement work.

The reserves checked 2,727 angling licenses and 4,187 hunting licenses; they worked a total of 4,885 hours and made 50 arrests that brought \$2,105 in fines.

In commenting on the reserve warden patrol, Game Warden Ross

Welch said, "This patrol has been doing a splendid job of law enforcement and education and its value cannot be measured as much in number of arrests made as in the number of violations prevented and the good public relations."

Officially known as the Kings-Tule Reserve Warden patrol, the group was originally organized with 15 members, all schooled and screened prior to being assigned to field work. Men are being trained now to bring strength up to 20 reserves, as authorized by the state division of fish and game.

### Big Strawberry

PORTERVILLE, April 28, 1938 — Mr. T. A. Kelly brought into our office this week a mammoth strawberry which measured seven inches in circumference. It was grown on his place two and one-half miles west of Porterville. On the same land last year, two crops of potatoes were raised which averaged 80 sacks to the acre. At the price which potatoes were selling last year, \$1.25 per sack, it will be seen that the two crops yielded a very large income.

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WOODVILLE, December 14, 1950 — M. C. Arborn has been selected to continue in office as

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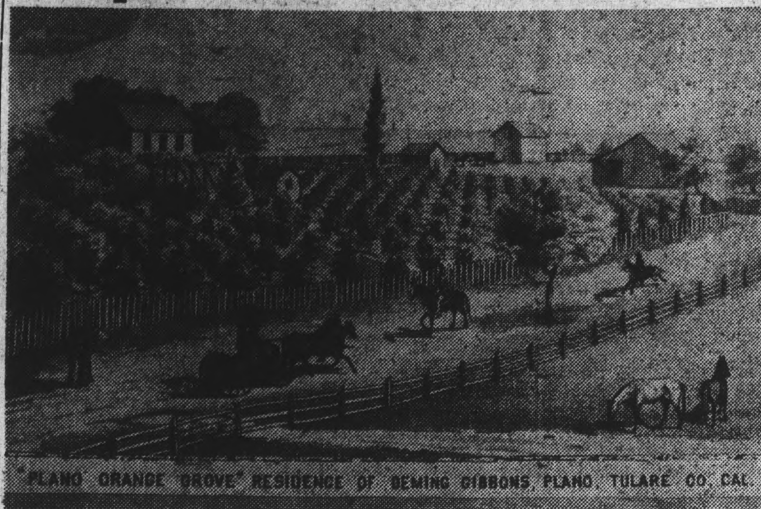
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### Railroad Car From Sequoia Log

PORTERVILLE, October 23, 1891 — Mr. J. J. Doyle has been cutting out a fifty-foot section of the old "hollow log" at Summer Home. It is to be taken East and shaped into a railroad car, the body of which it is about the size of.

It will probably be used for the exhibition of California products and may eventually make a trip of the world, after visiting the

World's Fair at Chicago. It will be the largest section of a Sequoia Gigatea ever got out of the mountains.

### OUGH ELECTED

PORTERVILLE, December 7, 1950 — Milo Ough has been re-elected chairman of the community committee of the Production and Marketing administration for the Porterville district.

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dren were: Ruby (who married Dave Anderson and had two children, Lester and Gertrude, Vida (who married J. E. Daly and had three children, Floyd, Clinton, and Nordica), and Jay Brown (who married Cordia Cook, and has served as high school trustee and as county supervisor.)

Ruby Gibbons, who was born in 1853, had graduated from the San Jose Normal school and had taught in Porterville as one of its earlier teachers. She married Clint Brown in 1873. The two Brown brothers and their wives used to enjoy going to parties in neighboring school districts. Eva Coburn, sister of the lumberman, of the Mountain View District, on North Tule, said that, as a little girl, she always begged to be allowed to stay to watch these two couples dance — for they were so good-looking and well-dressed. Clinton Brown died May 1, 1914; and his wife, Ruby, lived until January 1939.

William Willard Brown's wife was Rosalie Ford; they were married in 1876. She was born in 1857 in Marysville, and died in 1932; William died in 1940. She was the daughter of J. P. Ford, who came to Porterville in 1871 as a cabinet-maker, but who constructed such lumber mills as the Frazier Mill at Mt. Home and a mill on the South Tule. About 1874 he was a recorder of mining lands; and his daughter helped him in that office. (She had a brother, Will, and a sister, Mrs. Ella Little, and four half-brothers: Frank, March, Emmett, and King Ford.)

The children of William Willard Brown and his wife Rosalie are Ralph (who died as a young man), Roy (who lives in Albuquerque, N. M. and had three children, Ermand, Melvin, and Lahalla), Lahalla (now deceased, who married Thomas Ferguson, and had four sons: Armand, Frank, Leonard, and William Ferguson, and one daughter, Frances), and Pauline (now Mrs. Varney, who has one son, Judson Russell Holdin.)

### Farm Production, Retail Marketing Combined By Bishops

PORTERVILLE, December 15, 1950 — A new approach to the old problem of marketing farm produce has been taken by Mr. and Mrs. Rolla Bishop at their Monache farm northwest of Porterville, where they will officially open their new sausage kitchen tomorrow.

Fresh pork cuts and bulk and link sausage from grain-fed, purebred Poland China hogs will be sold, with these fine pork products coming from animals of the famous Monache Poland China herd that is known in show circles and breeding circles throughout the United States.

Back porch of the Bishop home has been remodeled into a neat, retail market; the sausage kitchen itself, has been constructed in accordance with all state and county health regulations. Hogs are butchered in licensed slaughter houses then prepared for the retail trade at the sausage kitchen.

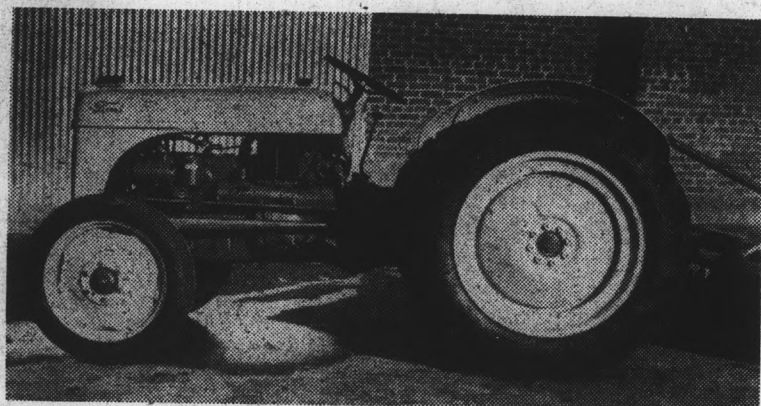
### Mill Purchased

PORTERVILLE, April 28, 1888 — The Pioneer Land company has purchased the remaining one-half interest in the Porterville Flouring Mill and the water privileges and land from Mr. McClain, and now own the entire property. Mr. McClain retains possession of the mill until January next, and will continue to take in orders for grist grinding.



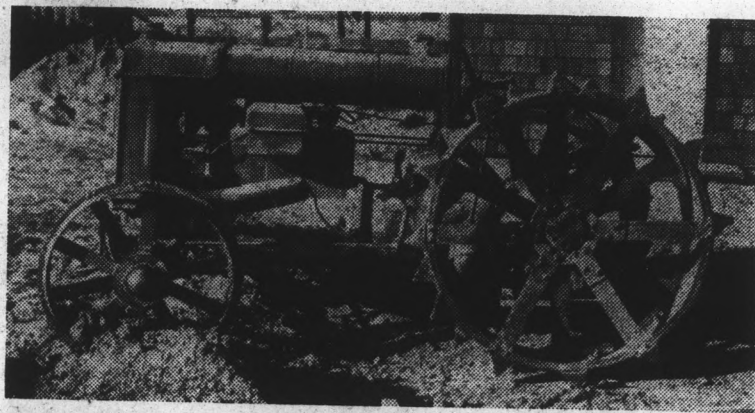
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## Johnny Simmons Had First Grist Mill On Tule River; Mill Stone Shipped From France Around The Horn

By Ina H. Stiner

In the 1860's to 80's Johnny Simmons had a grist mill with its big water-wheel by the south bank of Tule river, east of the Mentz ranch. It is said to have been the first flouring-mill in this section of the county. Johnny Simmons was a typical "jolly miller," big and fleshy, always singing at his work as he ground the farmers' wheat into flour, and crushed it into graham meal or cracked it into chicken-feed. He also ground corn into meal.

The big wheel turned in the stream of the river below where Johnny Simmons had built a dam across the river-bottom to direct the water-flow with more force to that spot — so say two persons now living who saw the pond above the dam and the big wheel that was different from ordinary waterwheels with buckets. The whole mill was of simple construction, says his granddaughter.

The lower mill-stone or burr was of native rock; but the upper stone is said to have been shipped from France around The Horn; it was made in sections and then held together by iron bands. That these stones were still in good condition when found in later years shows that Johnny Simmons knew how to take care of them, knew his trade.

This is the manner of the discovery of these mill-stones after all other traces of the old mill had disappeared: Wilko Mentz, Sr. told Charles Cummings about them; and Charles found them by the fact that the spring grass above them was withered while the surrounding grass was still flourishing. They may be seen at the Cummings home.

The approach to the mill was either by the road that started from the old Stage road at Plano and went around south of Martin hill and due east to near the present Worth bridge; or farmers on the north side of the river crossed the river by a fjord a few rods west of the mill. The river bottom was firm at that fjord but so rocky that Alonso Adams' daughter, Mary, said his team of horses often stumbled in the water as he took his grain to the

mill. There was another river fjord nearer the present Worth bridge.

The Simmons family home was east of the mill and back of the river. A trickle of ditch-water through the "spring house" kept the wife's milk and butter fresh. Mrs. Simmons' maiden name was Elizabeth Jane Brown. The Simmons family had come from Missouri by ox team in 1857 to Grass Valley, thence to Sonoma, and to Tulare county in 1863, locating on Deer Creek near the Hills ranch. There were six sons (two dying young) and three daughters. There were no grandchildren named Simmons, for only one son married, and he had no family. Bill lived on Deer Creek; two of the sons, probably Tom and George, helped their father in the mill at times. From the three daughters there are many descendants, especially boys.

The eldest daughter Fanny had been married in Grass Valley to Ahab Bowen, a miner; and several of their 10 children were born before they came to Tule river and settled west of the Stage road and between old Vandalia and the David Campbell home; their first house was destroyed by fire.

Of the eight Bowen sons, George, Henry, Robert, and Frederick married. The elder daughter, Elizabeth Jane, married William Freeburn and was the mother of Charles Freeburn and Mrs. Hattie Jacobson.

The younger daughter, Ida, married Jerome Brown in White River, to which vicinity the Ahab Bowens moved at the end of the 80's. Ida is now Mrs. Frank Rounsaville. Ahab Bowen raised vegetables and fruit, as did many farmers of the Vandalia district, but was also a butcher.

The second Simmons daughter was Margaret, who had married William Traylor. On coming to Tulare county the Traylor located on the flat between the old Indian Reservation and the river. The oldest Traylor son, John, married Arvilla Adams and had a son, Roy, and a daughter, Mrs. Bertha Mattocks, of Visalia. The youngest son, Charles, lived near the

home place and had several sons: Ed., George, Frank and William. One daughter, Elizabeth Traylor, married Thos. Atkins and lived about north of the original Traylor homestead. Her children were all sons: Frank, Ernest, Lester, Carl, and Norman Atkins. Other Traylor children died in childhood or youth.

The youngest Simmons daughter, Nancy, married first George Shannon then Charles Carroll; and her children are Mrs. Lena Wood and Reuben and John Shannon. For a while after Mrs. Simmons' death in 1880, Nancy kept the home. In his later years Johnny Simmons slept in a bed at his mill; and there he was found dead on the morning of April 12,

1888. He was 75 years old.

As to the date when Johnny Simmons put up his mill, Wilko Mentz, Sr. and some members of early grain-raising families have stated that the Simmons mill was the earliest in this section of the county. An early history has mentioned 1867 as the date of a flour mill on Tule River. The flour mill in what was later Murry Park was erected in the summer of 1868, with its water-power derived from Mill Ditch, an extension of the Pioneer Water Ditch.

It is reasonable to suppose that Johnny Simmons would not have started his mill after this rather pretentious mill, costing \$5,000, was built. Also, not until after the passage of the "No Fence"

Law in 1871, which kept the cattle and other loose stock off the plains, was much production of grain possible. Before that, most of the patronage would be for the grist-mill type — that is, for the grinding of grain brought by farmers to get meal, flour, and stock-feed for their own use.

Many doubtless patronized the flour mills of Visalia, of which through the '60's she had more than the first one which was built in 1854, it is said; there, farmers going to shop could buy flour or get their own grist ground. All things considered, probably by 1867 Johnny Simmons had erected his grist-mill on the Tule.

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## Maybe Oldtimers Can Remember A Bigger Steer Than 2310-Pound Jumbo, But He Sets Official Record



DUCOR, July 26, 1951 — Many thousands of head of cattle have come to market from the southeastern Tulare county ranges through the years, but unless some oldtimer steps up with a contraction, Jumbo, the 2,310-pound steer from the Wilbur Dennis ranch that brought \$831.47, will have to claim a record for size and price on the California commercial cattle market.

Jumbo, shown in The Farm Tribune photo above, dressed out 8 per cent, dressed weight of the steer, after trimming, being 1,560 pounds. The carcass graded choice.

The four-and-a-half-year old animal was raised at the Dennis ranch; he had been on feed only

about seven months. Selling price was 36 cents per pound. Buyer was the W. G. Marks Meat company of Woodland.

### MRS. REDD ELECTED

PORTERVILLE, June 9, 1938 — On Saturday last an election was held for school trustee, Mrs. R. C. Redd receiving the unanimous vote. The board is now composed of C. A. McClain, O. A. Wilcox and Mrs. Redd. We believe the selection of a lady member to the board to be a good one.

Porterville Abstract company was incorporated in 1894.

Farm Tribune Ads Pay.

## Thirty Years Of Community Development Are Recounted In Newspaper Story Written In 1896

PORTERVILLE, Mar. 4, 1896 — Thirty years ago the settlers of Porterville had to go to Visalia for every necessity of life, obtainable at that point; and for many things, such as wagons, buggies, furniture, etc., to Stockton and San Francisco.

One grist mill at Visalia did all the custom work for a hundred miles on every side, until one was erected on Outside Creek in 1865.

They had no blacksmiths, wagonmakers, sawmills, merchants, medical advisors or drug stores until 1867. In that year, the Pioneer ditch was completed, the grist mill was erected, where it now stands, although much improved since, by the addition of better machinery and storage facilities. Sawmills were also erected and have been cutting lumber in our adjacent forests since 1870.

During all the years of the early settlement of this section, stock raising was the principal industry, although some very fine orchards of peaches, apples, figs, etc., were in full bearing and at that time, prices were good. Dried peaches (sun dried) brought 15c; figs never less than 9c and fresh apples 3c to 3½c per pound.

Beef steers driven off to market brought \$40 to \$45 per head; while wheat and barley from Kernville and other points over the mountains brought from 3c to 6c per pound.

All transportation, both export and import, was done by wagons; and travelers, coming from the far east, after a sea voyage of a calendar month, were landed in Porterville by mud wagon and six mustangs, and a more exciting or perilous ride, night and day, to a tenderfoot, could not be conceived.

Since the advent of the railroad eight years ago, and the subdivision of large tracts of land, times have changed, in some ways for the better, others, perhaps not. That is a matter of opinion with the new settler and the old.

The change from a pastoral, or stock-raising country to an agricultural and horticultural one has perceptibly minimized the receipts of money in large quantities as formerly, and closer economy is necessary, which the people from the east bring to our shores naturally, while the native-born think it hard.

Formerly, when large bands of cattle were driven out to market, droves of mutton and immense quantities of wool twice a year, money was plentiful, and those who raised wheat, barley, vegetables, fruit, etc., found a ready market.

As the rule in those days was "one business at a time," men who owned hundreds of head of cows had no milk or butter, unless purchased from thrifty Yankee women who milked a half dozen

cows and had butter for sale.

Our pioneer merchant remarked a few years ago that "a spring wagon load of dried fruit, butter, eggs, etc., brought more in those days than an eight-horse load of wheat at the present time."

Now we have a great many of the privileges and conveniences of the modern times, and gradually, as our new orchards of the citrus variety come into bearing, and, we hope, a cannery established to stimulate the planting of delicious peaches and other deciduous fruits, money will again come to us in greater bulk.

We have not the manufacturing business established here which we might have — as water power is convenient and easily controlled, a fact to which our beautiful electric lights attest.

A factory for box making and furniture does a fair business on the waters of the upper Tule and ought to supply this section of the country with many other useful articles in hard woods.

A great many hogs are raised and fattened, and a packing house is needed, that all bacon, hams and lard may be manufactured at home. Already the gathering and packing of fruit has given employment to many of our citizens, but there are times when honest labor is not in sufficient demand to keep all engaged.

A creamery should be established and discrimination made in quality of butter. In fact, a discrimination should be made in all food products, putting up and drying fruits, curing of meats and everything we do.

If this should be done in a (continued on page 9)

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proper manner, there would be greater interest manifested, and each would strive to excel, and all food products would soon be noted for its almost innumerable production in the way of feeding the world at large.

We are hampered, of course, in the great distance our goods have to be carried to market, and the only solution of the question is to send first class articles and no other, put up in a first class manner.

Get our reputation established as honest dealers in the very minutest detail and better prices will be paid. A good rule is "Never put upon the market anything that we would not be willing to place before our own families if we were the purchaser."

I heard a gentleman remark last week in southern California that if Riverside would dig up every orange tree in their orchards it would be a blessing to our state. Why? Because they will persist in shipping frozen oranges to the east, thereby creating distrust for us all.

We have already shown to the world what our choicest productions can do in the way of premiums and congratulatory notices, and we must insist upon the choicest always being put to the front.

Our country is attracting the

### JONES IS SECRETARY

PORTERVILLE, November 30, 1951 — Ralph Jones, of Porterville, has been reelected secretary of the California Shorthorn Breeders association.

### TEMPLETON NAMED

PORTERVILLE, December 7, 1950 — Sardis Templeton, member of a pioneer family in this community, has been elected master of the Porterville Grange.

See you in Porterville November 12, 1951.

attention of the public and due diligence must be the watchword to make it a world-wide reputation as a garden spot or oasis for the wandering home-seeker.

### Early-Day Fraternal Orders and Churches Active In Porterville

By Mrs. Annie L. Beebe

PORTERVILLE, March 4, 1896 — The following societies and organizations are now represented in our midst:

Ancient Order of United Workmen, Porterville Lodge No. 199, was instituted in 1881 with 16 charter members and now has a membership of 45.

Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Porterville Lodge No. 359, was organized in 1890 with 11 charter members and now numbers 60. Porterville Encampment No. 69 was instituted in 1892 with six charter members and now has a membership of 26.

Free and Accepted Masons, Porterville Lodge No. 303, was instituted in 1890 with 13 charter members and now numbers about 50 members.

Order of Eastern Star, Palm Leaf Chapter No. 114, was organized in 1892 with a membership of 14 and now has 75 members.

Knights of Pythias, Porterville Lodge No. 93, was instituted in 1894, with 14 charter members and now has a membership of 40.

Independent Order of Good Templars, L. C. Moore Lodge No. 535, was organized in 1894 with 24 members and now numbers about 20.

Maccabees, a lodge of this order was instituted in 1895, with 15 members.

The First Congregational church is in a flourishing condition, owns its church building and Rev. J. G. Eckles is pastor.

The Methodist church is in a strong, healthy condition, owns its church edifice and Rev. Mr.

## THINGS REALLY HAVEN'T CHANGED MUCH ON MORTON STREET



TAKEN PROBABLY in the early 1890s is the upper picture, showing the section of Morton street between Sunnyside avenue on the west, looking east toward Main street. The houses were built by the Pioneer Land company, with the old Porterville school showing at the north end of Main street. Today, these houses still stand, two of them just about as they are in this early picture, the others remodelled. Lower picture, taken a few days ago, shows the second and third houses from the original row above, as they are now. Growth of trees along Morton street prevents exact duplication of the above picture.

Chase is pastor.

The Catholic church has a very substantial church building and is in the care of Rev. Father Farrelly.

The Ladies Aid of the M. E. church was organized five years ago with 20 members. The president at the present time is Mrs. E. A. Giddings and the secretary, Mrs. M. E. McCown.

The Ladies Aid society of the Congregational church has been in working order for five years. The president is Mrs. Olive McDonald; Schultz.

The "Inter Se" Reading Circle was organized three years ago, with a membership of 15, limited.

The C. L. S. C. was organized in 1885 with 15 members and is doing good work.

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### Christian Endeavor Convention Planned

PORTERVILLE, October 20, 1951 — Semi-annual convention of the Tulare County Christian Endeavor will be held in Porterville at the Congregational church, November 4th. The general committee on arrangements is made up of Robert MacDonald, chairman; Rev. J. A. Milligan, Anna

L. Norris, Mrs. John Carter and Miss Nella Noyes.

On subcommittees are: Entertainment, Miss Grace Bond, Mrs. John Carter, Miss Cynthia Uhl; music, Mrs. E. E. Graham; decorating, Mrs. F. E. Bearss, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Horbach; reception, Violet Milligan, Robert Horbach, Ethel Feemster, Mrs. H. C. Carr and advertising, W. W. Hughes.

### NEW PHONE LINE

PORTERVILLE, October 20, 1951 — J. J. Doyle talked to us over the phone from Camp Wishon last week, the first message we had over this new line into the wilderness. Before long, Camp Nelson and Doyle City will be in hello reach from the valley. In years past it took a long horseback ride to get a message out from these places.

### Porterville Daily Advance Published By C. P. Ruffner Starting May 11, 1896

PORTERVILLE, Nov. 1, 1951 — Probably remembered by old timers, but practically forgotten by newspaper people of the county is the Porterville Daily Advance, started in Porterville May 11, 1896, as the town's first serious effort toward a daily newspaper.

The Advance was a six-day a week publication, four columns, four pages tabloid, put out by the Advance Publishing company with C. P. Ruffner as editor. One issue of the paper — the second day's publication — has been preserved in a collection of old newspapers gathered by Howard J. Frame of Porterville.

In the May 12, 1896 edition, the editor remarks that "the advent of the Porterville Daily Advance upon the streets last evening was a complete surprise to the vast majority of our people, yet it is said that a man can't change his socks in this man's town without everybody knowing it beforehand."

Taking a Republican slant on politics, the Advance stated editorially that "it is really encouraging from a Republican standpoint to hear men who have voted the Democratic ticket all their lives say they have got enough, and will vote and work for the success of the Republican nominee for president at the coming election." (That might have been written in 1951 rather than 1896.)

Editorially, the Advance also urged the citizens of Porterville to sign a petition to the board of school trustees praying for establishment of a high school in Porterville.

In an AP wire story, it was reported that at a state convention of supervisors in San Jose, considerable discussion was being heard regarding the cost of feeding county prisoners. At Sacramento, cost for food for prisoners was running 10 cents per day per man; at San Luis Obispo, 50 cents. General opinion of the convention was that prisoners were being too well fed.

Among local items were the following: "Mr. and Mrs. Will Wright, Miss Tudie Gillmer and Wilko Ments are enjoying a ten day's outing at the club house.

"At the last meeting of the

fire department, W. A. Hively, Marvin Burford, Edgar Loyd and P. C. Montgomery were elected to membership.

"E. W. Beebe is in San Francisco attending the Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows.

"J. J. Cairns, one of Lindsay's most prosperous farmers and a leading Republican, was on the streets of Porterville today.

"Judge Avery donned his best suit and drove over to Tulare, yesterday.

"For a nice schooner of beer with a free bit of lunch, go to Louis Pohlman.

"J. P. Murry, who has been confined to his home with sickness the past two weeks, is convalescing."

And there was a story about a couple of alleged train robbers, Lovren and Ardell. Said the Advance, "This percious pair were arraigned in Judge Cross' department of the Superior Court yesterday and their trials set for June 1. Both entered pleas of 'not guilty' to the charge of 'willfully, unlawfully and feloniously' boarding a passenger train of the Southern Pacific company with the intent to rob said train, and asked for separate trials, which was granted."

Just how long the Daily Advance continued to publish, we do not know — we suspect not too long. We of The Farm Tribune would appreciate getting in touch with any pioneer who has other information concerning the Advance, or who has old copies of the paper — or copies of any other old Porterville paper.

### Jack Chrisman Heads Cattlemen

PORTERVILLE, April 5, 1951 — Jack Chrisman, Visalia, was elected president of the Tulare County Cattlemen's association at the annual spring meeting held Friday in Porterville. Ralph Jones, Porterville, was reelected secretary and Russell Hesse, Tulare, vice president. Other new directors are: George Hinkle, Oroquieta; Claude Paregian, Visalia, and Kenneth Beck, Tipton. F. R. Farnsworth, Porterville, retiring president, is state association delegate.

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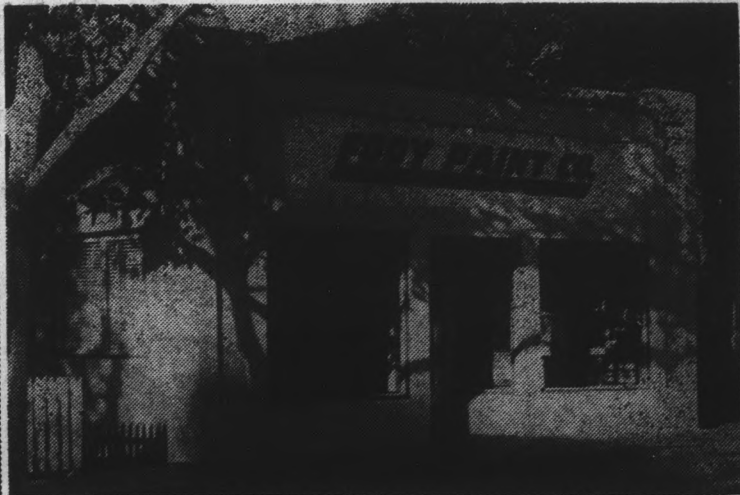
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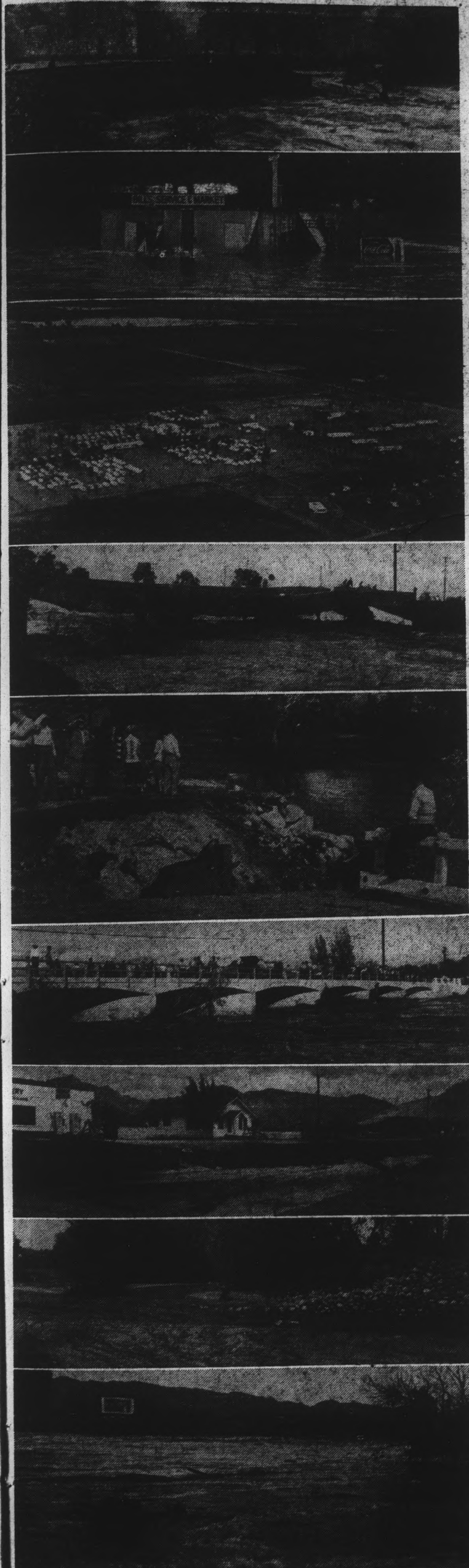
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SCENES ALONG the Tule river resulting from a history-making flood of November 18-19, 1950, from top to bottom: Bridge goes out at Springville, the first community to feel the force of roaring Tule water; service station near Bartlett park under water; Farm Labor camp between Poplar and Woodville flooded as water spreads through agricultural lands; Rockford bridge collapses; approaches to Worth bridge are cut off as water pours over bridge; county crews fight debris in river at Olive street bridge; old Springville railroad is washed out and highway damaged at Alta Vista; break in diversion dam at head of Porter slough that endangered the city of Porterville, part of retaining wall at right; Tule river in flood, looking east from Southern Pacific tressle. (Upper three pictures Edwards Studio; bottom pictures Hammond; others, Farm Tribune.)

Tule River Flood Was Historic Event Of 1950 As Water Roared Out Of Mountains In Sudden Burst

PORTERVILLE, November 19, 1950 — Only a week after visiting pioneers had left the 1950 Homecoming celebration, the Tule river is putting on a show that is doing justice to any of the stories that might have been told about floods of past years — in

fact, last night and today, an estimated 28,000 acre-feet of water has poured out the mountains in the greatest early-winter flood on record.

Hitting Springville late last night and early this morning, flood waters carried away three

homes and water rose to within 15 inches of the top of the house at Soda Springs. The bridge below Springville was dynamited when accumulated debris backed water into part of the residential area of the town, and drinking water supply went out, to bring a serious problem to the Springville area until repairs in the water system were completed today.

Crews started working late yesterday afternoon at the head of Porter slough east of Porterville, (Continued on Page 12)

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## Buried Treasure Near Woodville?

WOODVILLE, May 26, 1888—An old gentleman, named Chris Busch, over 70 years old, living about three miles northeast of Woodville, a short time since buried the sum of \$3,300 in a hole which he dug in the ground. The money was put in a can and then wrapped up in a gunny sack and buried.

When he came to look for his treasure, no trace of it could be found. Busch had Fred Noller, a young man who had worked on his place but a few days, arrested on suspicion, but subsequently had the case dismissed as there was no evidence whatever on which to hold him.

The most probable version of it is that Busch buried the money and lost track of the exact location, as he is quite an old man

## ANTHONY ELECTED

POPLAR, December 13, 1950—Ira Anthony was reelected master of the Poplar Grange at a meeting held last night in the Poplar Grange hall.

SPRINGVILLE, October 20, 1905 — A. M. Coburn caught a lake trout in his flume at the mill this week that was 25 inches long. and somewhat absent-minded.

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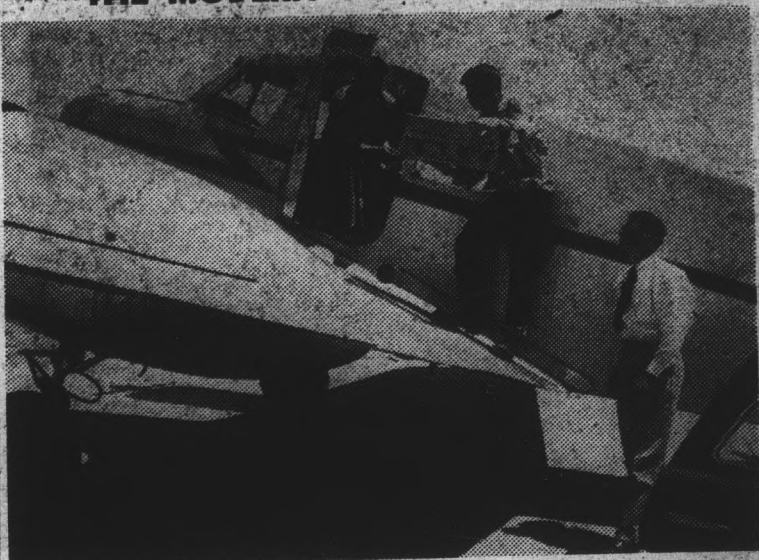
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UTILIZING THE speed of modern airplanes is Victor Bowker, Worth district ranger and prominent turkey producer, who is shown above right, supervising the loading of turkey poulters into an airplane for shipment to Tucson, Arizona. Mr. Bowker's son, John, is handing a box of the small turkeys to Pilot Archie Sampson, who took on the cargo at the Porterville Municipal airport. (Farm Tribune photo.)

## Tule River Flood Was Historic Event

(Continued from page 11) sandbagging the retaining wall there, however the wall went out at about 4 a.m. today, only 10 minutes after men and equipment had been pulled off the wall.

City employees and hundreds of volunteers worked through the night, sandbagging the river bank in an effort to keep water out of the business district. At the peak of the flood, about 5 a.m., in the Porterville vicinity, it was a nip and tuck battle as water poured into the slough and backed up behind business houses built over the slough on Main street.

Although water was kept out of the business district, houses along the river are cut off and water a foot or two deep is in some of them this morning. Flood water poured across Olive street just east of the bridge and covered much of the subdivided area there.

Bridges were damaged all along the course of the river and bridge approaches were washed out at practically all points between the mountains and the valley with the exception of the Main street bridge south of Porterville, although washouts at its approaches weakened the bridge to such an extent that only one way traffic is being allowed today.

Spreading from the Jones corner area, river water flooded the Farm Labor camp north of Cotton Center and spread generally over the area from Cotton Center west through the Woodville country. A major break in the river has occurred just above the Oettle bridge.

Hitting the Friant-Kern canal, water has backed up over a large area, with considerable livestock taken out of the canal area. Report as that one rancher swam his horse over a barb wire fence in

water he estimated to be nine feet deep.

Two men, Mike Middleton and M. K. Guinn, of the Middleton Concrete company were marooned for several hours on an island in the Tule near Worth, being caught by the flood as they attempted to move out some heavy equipment. They were rescued late this morning by helicopter.

A total of 17 inches of rain is reported at Camp Nelson during the heavy Sierra rain that set the stage for general floods in the San Joaquin valley.

Mobilized in Porterville during the flood is the American Red Cross, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign wars, Boy Scouts, city officials, private citizens and some 100 volunteers from Tulare. Some 300 flood victims, mostly from the Doyle Colony district and the farm workers camp, were fed in Porterville today and plans are being made to house about 150 persons tonight.

This flood will no doubt go down in local history as the worst recorded during the early winter season and will take its place with other historic floods of past years.

## GILL REELECTED

PORTERVILLE, June 10, 1951 — Vernon Gill, Springville rancher, was last night reelected chairman of the board of trustees of Porterville Union High School and College. Mrs. Neva Darr, newly elected board member, was named clerk; other members are Francis Muller, Ducor; Herman Matzke, Porterville, and Emory Kincaid, Porterville.

Porterville Lumber company was incorporated in 1895.

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## Andrew Jackson Doty Built Hotel, Store, Dance Hall And Cabins In The Big Tree County Of Mountain Home

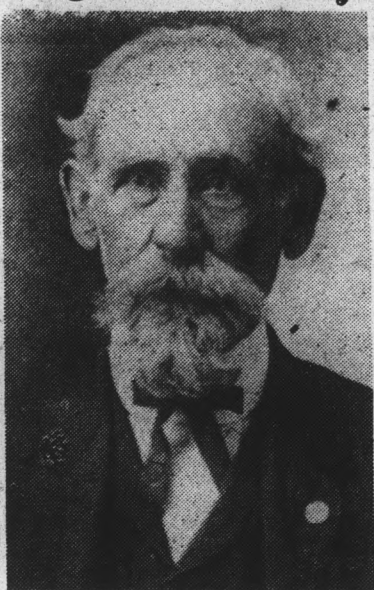
By Lia H. Stiner

Undrained swamps in Tulare valley causing malaria encouraged summer resorts in the mountains of the Tule River watershed. And the first of these was at the grove of Big Trees, part of which afterwards became Balch Park. Here Andrew J. Doty built a center of hotel, store, dance hall and cabins, which he called Mountain Home.

Andrew Jackson Doty and his wife, who was Sarah Beckwith, were children of covered wagon pioneers in Oregon in 1852 and '50. They were married about 1860 and moved to Lake county, California about 1865. They brought three children with them; and the other nine of their 12 children were born in Lake county. In 1882 they came to Hanford to live in the vicinity where the Mussel Slough tragedy had just happened.

But that summer, malaria and diseases that love summer in a hot climate near the swamps attacked them; even the parents were affected; and one small child died. The mosquitoes were so abundant that frames were made to cover their beds with mosquito netting; and the children's arms and legs were oiled when they went outdoors; but soon were black with gnats. Mr. Doty operated hay bailers that summer; but the next summer he took the family as near up to the mountains as they could get, at Springville.

About that time L. B. Frazier began building a road up North Tule in order to take a saw mill



ANDREW JACKSON DOTY

up to the Sequoia grove on the ridge between North Tule and the north fork of Middle Tule. The Dotys—father and sons—worked on the road. The eldest son, Charles, drove ox team, and then wintered the ox teams on the farm near Hanford; while they were there he broke up some land on the farm. But A. J. Doty was more interested in the mountains; he had grown up in the forests of Oregon; so he got some land at the edge of this Big Trees grove.

In 1884 the Dotys opened the Mountain Home hotel for the summer boarders about a quarter of a mile below Frazier's mill site.

Small houses, for guests, were made as being less liable to be crushed by winter snow at this elevation of some 5000 feet. Several hundred people came up from the valley because the road, though steep, made the place accessible. Many of them camped in tents or built cabins. Mountain Home seemed an ideal place to spend the summer; the weather was good; there was fishing.

Mr. Doty made a croquet ground; and his sons conducted dances on the big dance floor. About them were a few sequoias and many big pine trees—under which some people liked to sleep without any other roof over them. Besides the invigorating climate, there was the excitement of watching the occasional felling of big trees by the lumbermen. (Besides the Frazier saw mill which Mr. Frazier soon sold, Charles Elster had later a mill near by for a short time; and Nathan Dillon's mill was at Dillonwood about two miles away.)

The younger Doty children who saw the Big Trees every summer did not realize then how remarkable they were, and, as their mother sent them out as guides, were often amused by the ecstatic enthusiasm of Eastern tourists. These tourists would use strings or space the trees to measure their size, would even dance around them in joy or almost weep.

Many such tourists came up in spite of the steep Frazier road. After several years a stage came

up regularly; and for a short time there was a postoffice called Doty. Otherwise the Easterners could hire rigs at Springville or Porterville or come up with the big freight teams. On these wagon trips an over-night stop or meal stop was made at Rancherie where John and Ann Gafney, Irish brother and sister, kept a station. Chester Doyle says that about 1887 there were at least 800 people at Mountain Home and several hundred at Summer Home where the Dotys lived; the reason he remembers it: there was a terrible rain storm; so Fred Wells, son-in-law of A. J. Doty, who had a team there, hauled lumber from

the mills for campers to put up roofs; but there was no more storm that season.

In 1887, instead of returning to Hanford for the children to attend school that winter, the Dotys remained at Springville; and in 1888 they bought from Geo. Duncan, 11 acres, which afterwards was the home of Mrs. Belle Childers, next above the Hubbs place. Their home became a stopping-place for people on their way into the mountains.

About 1894 L. J. Redfield, who at that time kept the Pioneer hotel at Porterville, took over Mountain Home hotel. Mr. and (continued on page 14)

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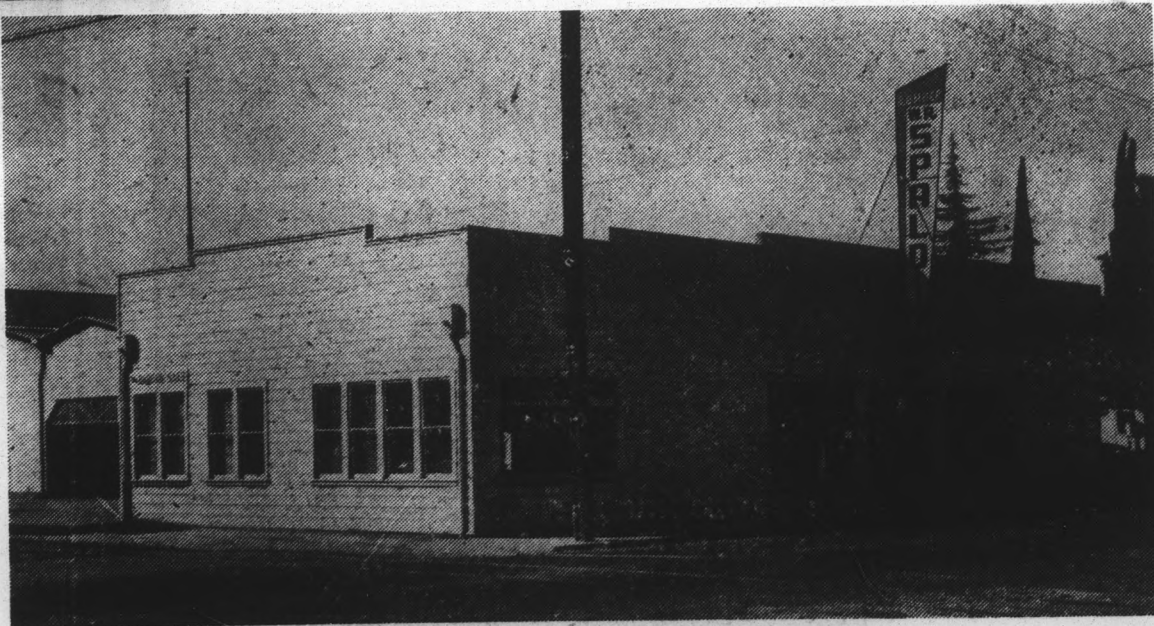


James L. Venn, right, manager of W. R. Spalding Lumber company in Porterville for 33 years; Emil Simon, left, assistant manager for the past 13 years; Paul Stutsman, left center, yard foreman and Archie Pickard, deliveryman, both of whom have been with the company for the past five years.

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# Andrew Jackson Doty Built Hotel, Store, Dance Hall And Cabins In The Big Tree County Of Mountain Home

(continued from page 13)

Mrs. Doty could not get a satisfactory title to the land. And, according to a man who loves the mountains and good eating, Mr. Redfield was anxious to get a chance to rival Mrs. Mitchell of the White River hotel. He employed a man to go fishing and had mountain trout served at any time. Among those who managed the hotel for him were the Laidlaws and the Hugh Templetons.

In 1896 A. J. Doty and his wife went to Garlock on the Mojave desert to keep the hotel there. Garlock was a place near Randsburg where there were the first stamp mills for the mines before water could be brought into Randsburg. When Randsburg got water, the Garlock population went to Randsburg, the Dotys with the others. There A. J. Doty was justice of the peace, as also later at Johannesburg. When Mrs. Doty's health failed a year before her death in 1904, they returned to Springville, where A. J. Doty was Justice of the Peace and had for a while a notion store.

They were always hospitable at their home and at their hotel. He was called by all children "Grandpa Doty;" and when his own grandchildren protested that the others weren't really his grandchildren he would reply: "I'm everybody's Grandpa." He died in 1912 at the age of 75.

Of the 12 children of Mr. and Mrs. Doty, nine grew up, as shown in a photograph of them taken just after Mr. Doty's death. Still more surprising, five of them — Philindia Wells, Irene Phillips, Ola Hubbs, Elmer Doty and Jack Doty — celebrated golden wedding anniversaries. So another photograph shows them at the time of the golden wedding anniversary of Jack and Hope Doty in 1949 — it was then the year of the 72nd anniversary for Philindia. These were the nine: Charles Doty, born in 1861, married Rosa Burgund, daughter of Dan Burgund of Springville; they lived last at Arroya Grande and had three children — Earl, Enid, and Evelyn; Philindia, who was born June 6, 1863 and died this year of 1951, married, January 27, 1878, Fred Wells, and of later years lived in Tulare; their children were Mrs. Sarah Fees of Springville, and Harry Wells and Mrs. Edith Broome.

Next Carol, or Cal, whose twin died at seven years of age, was born about 1867; he went back to Lake and Colusa counties, married there and had these children: Jack, Florence, Irving, and George. Clara Doty married James Curry, lived in Tulare, and had these children: Dolly Everet, Laura Cole, Pearl Pollock, and Lynn Curry. Moses Doty married Clara Frame and went north to Willows where his wife met accidental

death; last he lived near Salinas; his three sons, Charles, Carroll, and Dick, usually attend the Tulare county homecoming at Mooney Grove; another son, Jim, was drowned in a flood in Southern California. Elmer married Myrtle Manier and had six daughters: Zola Cox, Elva Gallagher, Opal Ray, Ola Briggs, Hope Jones, and Edith Struve. Jack Doty, born in 1873, married Hope Crabtree, and now lives at Corcoran; their children are: Vernal Williamson, Col. Ralph Doty (in the United States service, now in the Philippines), Eunice Johnson, Marjorie Slates, and Roberta Arder. Irene Doty, born in 1875, married Alonzo Phillips; and her daughter is Esther Hampson. The ninth, Ola Doty, born in 1877, married in 1895 Arthur P. Hubbs (usually called Auf) and their children are: Delpha Jones, Gladys Seaman, Lawrence Hubbs, and Nedra Morrow.

Mountain Home as a resort did not outlive its founder. For one reason the early automobile could not take the steep wagon road to get there; and on that road great loads of lumber were hauled out. For another reason the government took over the site with those portions of the forest not in private ownership; the part known as Balch park was soon given to the government. George Dillon, the last manager of Mountain Home hotel and supplies store was

finally refused extension of the lease about 1908 or '09. In the meantime other mountain resorts were developed. And now, by means of a good automobile road tourists can go up, spend the day seeing the Big Trees, and return to the valley.

## NEW DOCTOR

PORTERVILLE, January 4, 1951 — Verna E. Wulff, M.D., has opened offices in Porterville, as the only full-time practicing woman doctor in the city. She is specializing in obstetrics and gynecology.

## HUBBS AND DOTY FAMILY PICTURES



TAKEN ABOUT 1910 was the upper photo, showing from left to right, back row: Charley Doty, Carroll Doty, Mose Doty, Elmer Doty and A. J. (Jack) Doty; bottom row: Philindia (Doty) Wells, Clara (Doty) Curry, Irene (Doty) Phillips and Ola (Doty) Hubbs. Bottom picture, taken about 40 years later, shows, back, left to right: Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Phillips (Irene Doty), Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Doty (Myrtle Manier) and Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Hubbs (Ola Doty); front row: Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wells (Philindia Doty) and Mr. and Mrs. A. J. (Jack) Doty (Hope Crabtree.) The bottom picture was taken on the occasion of the 50th wedding anniversary of the Jack Dotys; all other couples in the picture had been married more than 50 years — Mr. and Mrs. Wells, 73 years.

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## James R. Hubbs Was Leader In Water Development; Cut "Centennial" Redwood For Exhibit In East

By Ina H. Stiner

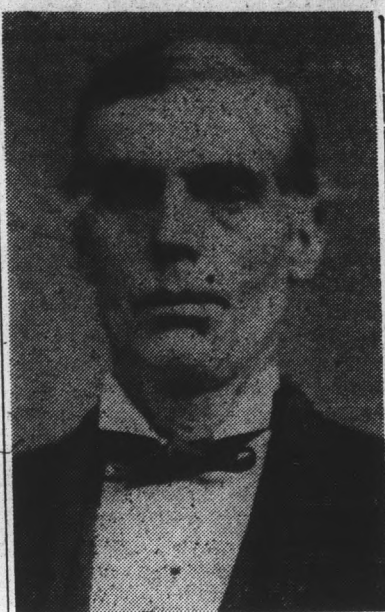
Among pioneers who got irrigation water from Tule River, was James R. Hubbs, who helped construct two ditches — the Hubbs and Miner ditch in the Rockford district, and the Mt. Whitney ditch of Springville. Born in Illinois in 1826, he fought in the Mexican War, and married Eliza Ferrel in 1849 in Arkansas, and came to California by ox team in 1853 and settled near Visalia in 1854.

Mr. Hubbs became interested in the Tule river area even while living in Visalia, if what Charles Elster (his son-in-law) supposedly related is correct. According to this story he placed on the North Tule some lumber mill machinery run by a water-wheel; and Nathan Dillon bought this machinery for his lumber-milling but set up steam power instead of the water-wheel.

Younger members of the Hubbs family do not now recall having heard that James R. Hubbs once had a sawmill. But, considering the varied projects he did undertake, his having a sawmill is not improbable. As soon as people began settling in the valley they needed for their houses lumber — or shakes, which were the first products of some mills.

After the birth of five children: Franklin (who spent a long life on the cattle range,) Margaret, (Mrs. William Janes, who had seven sons), Harvey (who later was sheriff of Kingman county, Arizona, and had two boys and two girls) — and two who died in childhood, Mrs. Eliza Hubbs died in 1863.

In 1866 Mr. Hubbs married Mary Jane Dunn Hudson who had four Hudson children: Reuben Hudson, Eliza Ellen (Mrs. Thomas Cross), Nancy (Mrs. Alvin Slocum), and Sarah (Mrs. James Akin). James and Mary Hubbs moved that year to the Rockford district west of Porterville where six children were born to them: Eva (the first wife of Charles Elster and mother of Irvy Elster); James R. Hubb, Jr., (who had three children — Della Nathan, Elmer, and Meda Herbert); Arthur Preston Hubbs (who married Ola Doty and whose children



JAMES R. HUBBS SR.

are Delpha Jones, Gladys Seaman, Lawrence Hubbs, and Nedra Morrow; Clinton W. Hubbs (whose child by his first wife, Zadia Manier, was Clyde Hubbs; and by the second wife, Minnie Sickles, is Mary Isabel Longacre); Milton Hubbs; and Minnie (the second wife of Charles Elster.)

The Hubbs children had even more relatives than this; for Mary Dunn Hubbs' father and his family early came to Tulare county; and her four sisters became the mothers of McKiernan, Talley, Chrisman, and Cromley families respectively. Nancy Dunn married John M. McKiernan; Clarinda Dunn married John Talley; Adeline Dunn married Joseph Chrisman; and Susan Dunn married Mr. Cromley of Tulare.

The early James R. Hubbs ranch was located on the west side of the present Rockford road, and about 300 yards north of Rocky Ford of the Tule (now the Rockyford Bridge.) James L. Miner's ranch was on the east side of this road; and together they constructed the "Hubbs and Miner" irrigation ditch to take water from Tule river. James R. Hubbs bought additional land — railroad land and swamp land — and ran cattle and horses almost to Tulare. That was before fencing for livestock was required. At one time he drove his horses to Utah to sell them.

To him, as to others in the open valley, the mountains had an appeal. With his brother-in-law, J. M. McKiernan, and Ed Manley, in 1875 and '76, he carried out a plan to take a section from a Sequoia tree in the Big Trees grove on North Tule — a part of which is now Balch park — and send its rim to the Centennial in Philadelphia in 1876. They had to widen the old Tuohy sheep trail to bring down pieces on wooden wheels by ox teams. (Aut Hubbs remembered how as a very little boy he cried to go with them but cried again before a hard trip was finished.)

According to Mrs. Jay Brown, who made a careful research on the subject, the big tree, over 200 feet in height, was cut off 24 feet from the ground, at 26 feet in diameter. Then the inside of the stump was removed to leave a rim of wood and bark one and a half or more feet thick, which was then ripped down into fifteen slabs about 16 feet long. These were sawed off the stump and numbered and later joined together with iron hand-made hinges.

The remaining part of the stump is still called the Centennial Stump. By the time the hollow section was shown in San Francisco, the other men had sold to him their interest in it; and Mr. Hubbs was left with a "white elephant" on his hands, that had cost him hundreds of dollars more than he ever received for it.

People just couldn't realize that this was only one tree; and that there could be a tree so large. So he sold it to a company that took it to Philadelphia.

In 1879 the Hubbs family moved to Springville. The family altogether owned at one time 1400 acres extending west from the river to the present school and up over Hatchet peak. It included what is now the Tulare-Kings County Tuberculosis Sanatorium grounds. Their cattle ranged in the Tule river watershed. The law

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### New Enterprise — Well For Irrigation

PORTERVILLE, April 28, 1899 — Not long ago, several prominent citizens, after careful consideration and thorough investigation of matters pertaining to wells, decided that they would make an attempt to sink wells and obtain therefrom water with which to irrigate their properties.

Work was commenced last summer and the plant has been completed. The satisfactory manner in which it works proves that the plan is entirely feasible, and is likely to have some influence on irrigation in the future.

The name of the company is the Porterville Water Development and Improvement company, and the parties interested are as follows: W. W. Henry, O. O. Henry, A. A. Abbey, W. B. Cartmill, James Willson, Mrs. Anna Norris, Lackey & Brey, Dr. J. L. Hardeman, Dr. W. C. Brumfield and G. T. Frost.

### First County Paper Published At Visalia

PORTERVILLE, March 4, 1896 — Tulare county has always been progressive, and journalism within its borders dates from its early history. The first newspaper was published in Visalia in 1859 and was called "The Tulare County Record and Fresno Examiner."

The rate of subscription was \$3 per annum; its proprietor was J. W. Carpenter, who, at the end of two months, sold it to John Shannon, who later lost his life through its publication.

He changed the name to the "Visalia Delta" which makes that the pioneer paper of the lower San Joaquin valley.

### BUILDING

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## Awards Presented To Commercial Tire And Emory Kincaid

PORTERVILLE, April 5, 1951 —Haener trophy, presented annually to the outstanding business concern in Porterville, went to the Commercial Tire Service company, owned by Jesse F. Eckles, for 1950-51. Presentation was made at the Porterville chamber of commerce banquet.

Emory Kincaid was named the community's outstanding individual for the past year; the Tulare County Cattlemen's association

**NEW MANAGER**  
PORTERVILLE, February 22, 1951 — Bob Board, Bakersfield, has been named as the new manager for the Porterville office of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company. He will replace Harry Britton who will next month retire after 38 years of service with the company.

Pioneer Land company was incorporated in 1887 for the purpose of carrying a land business in Porterville.

the outstanding agricultural organization.

## James R. Hubbs Was Leader In Water Development; Cut "Centennial" Redwood For Exhibit In East

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required that cattle on the ranches (not on mountain ranges) be fenced in; so the Hubbs men cut trees in the Big Trees region and made posts, which they brought down on rough trails. Thus the family began spending the summers in this higher, cooler region. Besides cattle, sheep were going back into the mountains by the thousands. One large owner was Harry Quinn, who made himself remembered by them by always leaving a mutton with the Hubbses after Mrs. Hubbs doctored him once when he stopped there sick.

James R. Hubbs had an apple orchard at Springville and raised oat hay. In 1880 he constructed a ditch to get irrigation water from Tule river. This ditch was taken over in 1893 by a group of farmers, including Mr. Hubbs, and extended and called the Mt. Whitney ditch; its head was up towards the Edison power house; and it was flumed across North Tule.

When the Hubbs family came to what is now Springville there were already several settlers in the neighborhood. Clint Hubbs, then a small boy, remembers W. T. Baldwin and the George Duncan, Baker, Phariss, and Jonathan May families; there were others. William G. Daunt had a store where the chimney still stands near a sawmill south of the present town. In February 1886 a postoffice called Daunt was established at his store (changed in name to Springville in January, 1911.)

Daunt's daughter married Avon Coburn, the millman; and Mrs. Daunt's son was Louis Weber, who taught the school, and later taught in Porterville. The mail to the postoffice came up from Visalia



MARY JANE HUBBS

through Frazier valley once a week. (From 1882 there was a postoffice called Frazier in Frazier valley, kept by Myra C. K. Shuey.)

Much later, about 1910, James R. Hubbs' sons had a stage line from Porterville to Springville. While running this stage Arthur P. Hubbs (called Aut) moved his family to Porterville where he became a peace officer, finally joining the sheriff's office force at Visalia. The other sons remained in Springville, James Jr. being a carpenter and contractor. Clinton lived at the old home, which is still in his family; he carried on the work began by their father — the cattle business, Mr. Whitney ditch and the cemetery — he was also a school trustee.

James R. Hubbs died in 1896 and his wife in 1897. At the death in 1889 of their daughter, Eva, he had set aside for a ceme-

tery a plot of land having on it the oak trees under which Eva said she wanted "to sleep when she passed away." Other Springville folks besides members of the Hubbs family are also buried there.

## Supersors Grant Franchise To Erect Electric Light Poles

PORTERVILLE, June 9, 1888 — On Monday last a petition was drawn up and signed by the president and secretary of the Porterville Improvement company asking the board of supersors to grant them a franchise to erect light poles and masts in the town of Porterville and vicinity.

It was forwarded to Mr. Henderson, supervisor of this district, the board being in session this week at Visalia. On Wednesday, P. P. Davis, treasurer of the Porterville Improvement company received a letter from Supervisor Henderson stating that the petition had been granted by the board inside of 20 minutes from the time it was presented. This is getting improvements in a hurry.

## GROVE REMOVED

PORTERVILLE, March 1, 1951 — A section of one of the older orange groves in the community — the former Carter grove on east Putnam, is being removed by the present owner, Peter Lentzner, who plans to subdivide the property.

## FAURE ELECTED

PORTERVILLE, August 23, 1951 — Joe Faure Jr., Vandalia 4-H, has been elected president of the Tulare County Senior 4-H club.

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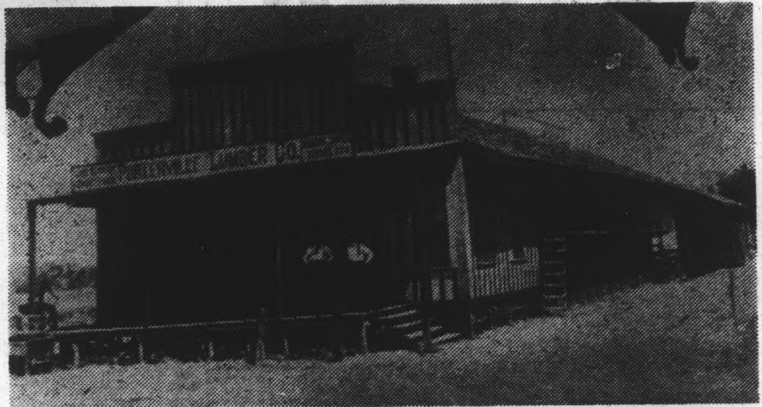


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## Start Of Extensive Building Program Was Important Event In Porterville Union High School Development

PORTERVILLE, November 1, 1951 — Start of construction on a building expansion program that will amount to nearly \$1½ million was an important event of the past summer in the development of the Porterville Union High School and College plant.

Work on first units — four classroom buildings, of which two are for home economics, one for agricultural science and one for general use — is now underway in the area between the west end of the original main school building and the college building.

Bid for construction of a \$447,100 gymnasium was let about two weeks ago, however, actual start of construction hinges on when "critical" materials will be released for the job.

The new gym will include a 100x120 foot main floor; shower and locker rooms and two classrooms.

Under provisions of the general expansion plans, a music

room will also be constructed, however, this part of the program is still in the formative stages.

A new stadium, a need for which is indicated by football crowds of the past several years, is on the restricted list at present and probably nothing will be done until there is a letup on critical war materials.

Included in the basic expansion plan for which the community voted bonds last spring, is a new college plant and school farm,

with the present college building to be taken over by the high school when the college is moved.

Problem of the college, it is stated, is still undergoing consideration by the high school board of trustees, with present thinking indicating that enrollment trends at the college will be observed prior to a final decision on the future of the college. Original plan was to combine the college and a school farm.

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## OLD SOUVENIR PROGRAM RECALLS FIRST ARMISTICE DAY CELEBRATION SPONSORED BY LEGION IN PORTERVILLE

PORTERVILLE Nov. 1, 1951 — Recalling the first Armistice day celebration in Porterville, sponsored by Porterville Post No. 20, The American Legion in 1921, is a souvenir program of the day that has been saved by Justin Ireton, Porterville real estate man.

Listed in the program as the Armistice day general committee were: George D. Crissey, John E. Carr, Dr. T. A. Wingate, J. C. Doyle, Harry Pohlman, Ed. Flory,

Paul Hammond, E. G. Hall, Myron Tobias and John Linden.

Program of the day consisted of a parade, bicycle races, a water fight, a barbecue, an old car race (no model later than 1908) a football game, (Porterville vs. Dinuba) fireworks and a dance. The usual car was present, a Nash, in charge of a committee composed of Mark DeWitt, E. F. Halbert, and Carl Loyd.

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## TO PORTERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL'S Class of 1926

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At a 25th Anniversary Reunion held May 29, 1951. These members of the Class of '26 and members of the Faculty, met at the HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA.

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Row 2 — Evelyn Van Valkenburg Dunn, Maxine West Hodgson, Georgia White Ball, Arthada Stiner Quick, Anita Eckles Richards, Blanche Baker Hornbrook, Helen Gross Welles, Florence Howard, Liela Warren Spellman, Elizabeth Smith Wood, Gertrude Moriella Lockie, Mildred Christian Slayton, Inez Harp Weisenberger, Mollie Sockel Bruno, Lulu Monroe Ewer.

Row 3 — Brien Millinich, Fred Bastian, Madge Frame Davison, Elizabeth Pretzer Bise, Alba Brovelli Hilton, Charlotte

Stone Miller, Josephine Williams Witt, Elsie Walthall Williams, Dorothy Fink, Shirley Garner Brown, Trusie Brovelli Morrison, Alpha Lockmiller Benson, Ma Belle La Chance Hoegh, Roberta McCarty, Delpha Wilson.

Row 4 — Donald Daybell, George Turner, George Overcash, Marcus Haley, Ira Jones, Rea Hardaway, Aubrey Berry, Dwight Wells, Floyd Sanders, Rex Conner, Laurence Hubbs, Delmar Gagnon, Jerry Becker, William Geach.

Row 5 — Darrell Byers, Floyd Cramer, Delbert Swisher, Bruce Crumal, Rodgers Moore, Herbert Martin, Fred Stone, Emmett Frame, Fred Alley, Roy Sharp, Kyle Lawrence, Giles Hamilton, Carl Brown.

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DIRECTING PORTERVILLE'S schools are: top to bottom, Charles W. Easterbrook, superintendent of the Porterville Union High School and College district; B. E. Jamison, dean of Porterville college and Howard Beard, superintendent Elementary district.





**THE MODERN** Bellevue school of the Porterville elementary system, upper, is now located on the site of Porterville's old granite high school, shown in the middle picture, with high school progress still being made. Lower photo shows classrooms under construction at the west end of the present high school main building as the first step in a contemplated \$1½ million expansion program.

### Building Program

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As new space is added, existing facilities will be changed and modified to meet present-day requirements of the school.

Superintendent of Porterville High School and college is Charles W. Easterbrook; B. E. Jamison heads the college. On the school board are: Vernon Gill, Springville, president; Mrs. Neva Darr, Porterville clerk; Emory Kincaid and Herman Matzke, Porterville and Francis Muller, Ducor.

Porterville high school was started in the middle 1890s when classroom space was set aside in the original Morton street school, located at what was then the north end of Main street.

In the early 1900's, the Granite high school was built between Morton and Bellevue on the

### OLD SOUVENIR PROGRAM RECALLS FIRST ARMISTICE DAY CELEBRATION SPONSORED BY LEGION IN PORTERVILLE

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Porterville lineup for the football game was: V. Rigby, R. E.; C. Dobbs, R. T.; R. Jenkins, R. G.; R. Laumeister, C.; E. Loyd, L. G.; W. Pratt, L. T.; O. Garrett, L. E.; R. Doty, Q. B.; P. Frame, R. H.; C. Frame, L. H. (captain) and M. Hill, F.

Heating the list of substitutes was Porterville's present varsity coach, Carl Elder, with L. Killian, M. Strain, H. Wood, G. Velie, H. Zahl and H. Futrell.

Officers of the American Legion were: Dr. C. E. Collins, commander; Dr. T. A. Wingate, first vice commander; Clive L. Gibson, second vice commander and Ervin H. Gibson, adjutant and treasurer. On the executive committee were: I. J. Boothe, A. M. Tobias, C. L. Gibson and H. P. Pohlman.

And these business ads were among those appearing in the program: (remember them?) A. R. Parsons Electric, Lamkin Clothing company, James', The Stag, Citrus City Lumber company, Stephens Auto company, Pioneer Market, Bobeldyke's Bakery and Cafe, Duden's Piano House, People's Market and Quality Meats, Golden State Restaurant, Pioneer Cafe.

Estes Hardware company, Harry Quinn Barbershop, G. & I. company, Lawson's, Hayden's, Mingle Inn cafe, Kirk's Shoes, Fred W. Stone, Sutton's Paint Store, Harrell's Stationery, Monache Sweet Shop, Elliott & Farmer, Miller's Tire Shop, The Owl Transfer, Ulmer Machinery company, Archie Mays-Dodge Bros. Motor cars,

northeast side of town, then, in the early 1920s, the present high school plant was constructed.

Williamson-Loyd Bros. company, Central Garage, Porterville Rochdale company, J. A. Rigby and E. G. Natzke — Maxwells, Moons and Chalmers.

Buszek-Cosart & Killebrew advertised that you could buy a 1922 Chevrolet for \$675, fob Porterville; H. Eckard at the Central garage advertised a Fordson tractor for \$625, and the Monache theatre was announcing new improvements that included the finest pipe organ in the valley.

Incidentally, the Armistice day show at the Monache was "The Sky Pilot," with Colleen Moore, John Bowers and David Butler.

The parade that year had only three divisions — decorated automobiles, schools and lodges and commercial. Parade judges were F. M. Singleton, W. R. Clack and S. J. Vincent. The Foley & Burke carnival was on hand for an entire week.

The Armistice day program was printed by the Jack Scott Print shop of Porterville.

### Wood Pipe Replaced

PORTERVILLE, October 7, 1904 — E. F. Harroun, civil engineer, who is here looking into the alterations for the water works, went to San Francisco, Monday, to order the necessary material. Besides the thirty-horse-power electric motor to be put in, four inch iron pipe will replace the wooden pipe, now on the west side, and six inch iron pipe will be put in to replace the wooden pipe on the east side of Main street.

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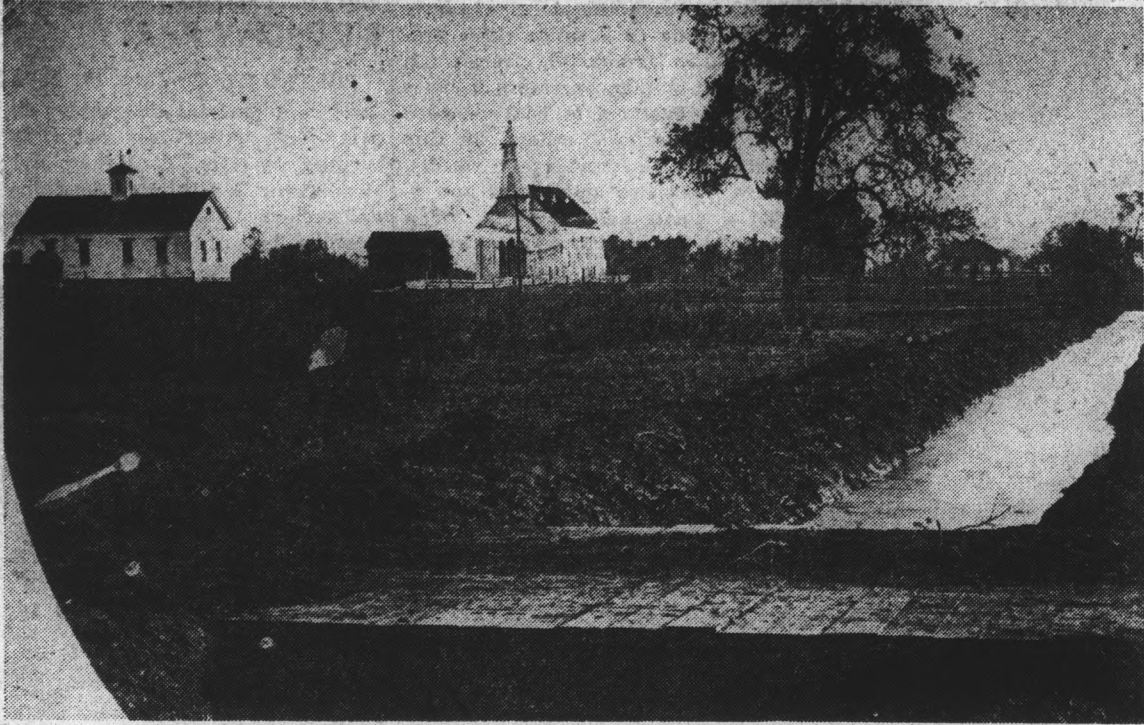
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## PORTERVILLE'S EARLY-DAY CLASSES HELD IN THIS SCHOOL



ALTHOUGH NOT the first school in Porterville, the building on the right, located on Mill street east of Third, served many students during the early days of the com-

munity, while across the street is the Congregational church, one of the real pioneer churches of Porterville. The picture was taken

probably no later than 1890, apparently at the point where the Pioneer ditch crosses Putnam avenue.

## PIONEER LAND CO. PLANNING WORK

PORTERVILLE, September 27, 1891 — Mr. Thomas and his associates of the Pioneer Land company, Messrs. Lilenthal and Louis Sloss Jr., who were in Porterville this week, seemed favorably impressed with the progress of the town and concluded to keep up with the advancement of the place.

They will put on a force of men to clean up the road grades that were made two or three years ago, put out new trees along the avenues and put their lands into

the most attractive shape with a view to encourage permanent settlers to buy land and make improvements.

The town plot will be made one of the most attractive in the state when this work is completed and those who already have property here will be greatly benefitted. In two or three years when our new vineyards and orchards come into bearing, Porterville will be the scene of great activity.

## County Taxes

VISALIA, October 2, 1891 — The board of supervisors of this county has fixed the state and

county tax levy at \$1.37½ on the \$100. This is 2½ cents more than last year and was added to provide for a squirrel bounty of 2½ cents — about \$6,000. A bounty of the same amount ought to have been placed on jackrabbits, which are equally destructive to other crops on farms where there are no squirrels.

## VACATION

PORTERVILLE, October 30, 1891 — Mr. and Mrs. John Tyler, Miss Corda Tyler, Miss Celia Tyler, Mrs. Zartman and A. S. Mapes went to Deer Creek Hot Springs, Tuesday.

## Surprise Party

PORTERVILLE, October 2, 1891 — A surprise party was tendered George Gardner at the Palace hotel Monday evening. George was invited to Mrs. Wheeler's, and he was on hand. The crowd started at about 9 o'clock and promenaded to the Palace, where the party was held.

## STAGE LINE DEAL

PORTERVILLE, October 30, 1891 — Mr. E. E. Neer has disposed of his interest in the Porterville and Tulare stage line to Mr. Ed. DeWitt, of Woodville, who will attend to the business in all its departments.

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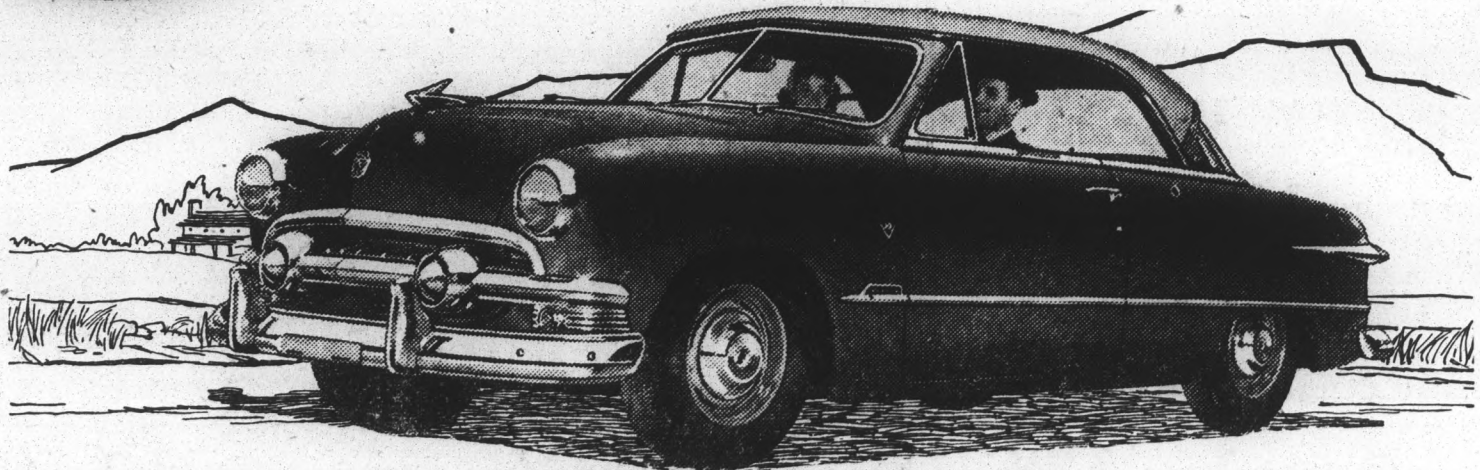
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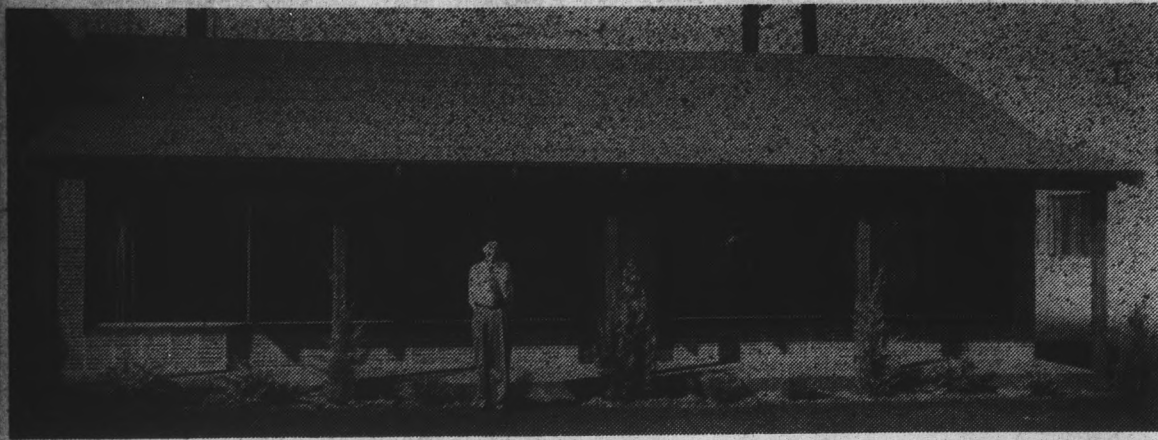
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## PORTERVILLE'S NEW CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HEADQUARTERS



GEORGE BAKER, 1950 president of the Porterville chamber of commerce, is the individual responsible for starting and pushing to completion this new Porterville chamber of commerce building, located next to the city fire department building. Many individuals and business firms of the community contributed material, work and money to make possible this building that is valued at some \$15,000. Standing in front of the building is chamber manager, Andy Morrison.

## Seeking Of Industrial Payrolls Has Been No. 1 Project Of City Chamber Of Commerce During Year

By ANDY MORRISON  
Mgr. Porterville C. of C.

PORTERVILLE, November 1, 1951 — It is a real pleasure to contribute this regular, annual article to the Progress Edition of the Farm Tribune. Incidentally, this is my third, so I feel like a veteran reporter — how about a raise in pay, Mr. Rodgers?

Personally, I am very proud of the accomplishments of your Porterville chamber of commerce, especially the results of its industrial program during this last year.

Two years ago, the merchants and professional people of this

community were in general agreement that a few industrial payrolls were necessary to balance its economy, so that seasonal fluctuation in business conditions could be avoided and jobs provided for working men and women throughout the year.

Starting from scratch in a highly competitive field, and in full realization that this was necessarily a long-range program, the following results have been obtained:

1. Negotiations with a garment plant to employ 500 people with a base annual payroll of over \$1,500,000 continue nicely and

on schedule;

2. Negotiations with a paper partition maker to employ 75 with an annual payroll of about \$360,000 are in a preliminary state with representatives of the concern having been in Porterville the last three days of October;

3. Two other firms, a warehouse operation and a machine products plant, have evinced real interest, but have not yet sent agents into this area.

As things now stand, we can except the establishment of a candy plant in Porterville during the second quarter of 1952. It will employ a maximum of 400 people at an annual total wage of about \$1,000,000.

While this latter project is a venture of my own — no chamber money, time or effort being involved in any way — it was most gratifying to have the organization's moral support and the unqualified backing of a loyal board of directors, without which there would have been no chance of

success.

But the story does not end here. Promotional plans have been made to advance three proposals to industrial circles: 1. To cold storage operators because such a business is badly needed by farmers and others in this area; 2. To a maker of wooden toys, novelties and lamps and 3. To a small defense plant for a project at the municipal airport.

Forgive me if I dwell at length on the industrial program, but I am extremely proud of it since it is proof positive of my original contention that we could succeed if we were willing to concentrate on the deal with out resources.

This past year saw the completion of our new \$15,000 chamber of commerce building, constructed from donated labor and materials. Here is what "Fortnight" magazine said about it on October 29, 1951:

"Porterville is bustling with a sense of civic pride which large communities often lose. Typical of this conviction that the town is destined for an important place under the California sun was the residents' recent project to build the new chamber of commerce building . . ."

Proof, is it not, that our idea of providing a good "front" office for this city was an absolute necessity if we were to advance commercially and socially.

My congratulations to President George M. Baker, whose ideas and plans were responsible for the development. No one else can take so much credit for the building's coming into reality.

Congratulations too, for those civic-minded people who thought enough of the deal to invest their time, money and effort to make construction possible. We'll mention them all at a later date when the building is dedicated.

The Porterville chapter of the California Young Farmers did it again by winning first place for community booths at the 1951 Tulare County fair for their third

## MRS. R. BAKER ENTERTAINS AT BIRTHDAY PARTY

PORTERVILLE, July 20, 1889

— A very pleasant and enjoyable party was given last Saturday evening by Mrs. R. Baker and Miss Mamie E. Hilton at the palatial residence of the former, the occasion being the anniversary of the 48th birthday of Robert Baker.

Following is a list of the guests: Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Redd, H. E. Ford, D. B. Hilton and S. J. Lewis, Mrs. J. P. Murry, John Hilton, W. A. Henrahan, and Anna Johnson of Visalia, Misses Tude Gilmer, Effie Henrahan, Hugie Sibley, Frankie Henry, Nellie Reynolds and Lena Taylor, Wilco Mentz, F. E. Woodley, Robert Hockett, Robert Redd, R. C. Rickey, A. M. Lumley and M. J. O'Clancy.

straight year! Each year your chamber of commerce sponsors and finances this excellent piece of community advertising.

Outstanding work has been done by the highway committee. The Graville street bridge, at the location of the old Plano bridge, is a prime example of its efforts. Watch how this pays off in terms of better traffic movement once the new \$25,000,000 epileptic hospital gets into operation.

For the first time in many moons, the Merchants' committee really got going with promotional sales, a good Christmas program and such mundane matters as bad check prohibitions, solicitation control and licensing of itinerant vendors.

Yes, all things considered, this has been a year of accomplishment. You and I know we still have a long way to go, but working together cooperatively for the benefit of the community, there is only one way we can go — forward!

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## THEY GOT ACTION ON CIVIC MATTERS IN THE OLD DAYS

### SUM OF \$5,000 SUBSCRIBED FOR IMPROVEMENTS; BUILDING BOOM INDICATED FOR PORTERVILLE

PORTERVILLE, May 26, 1888 — On Wednesday evening, May 30, another meeting of the citizens of Porterville will be held to formulate a plan of action in regard to making public improvements, and all those who have subscribed to the amount are earnestly requested to be present.

The sum of \$5,000 has been subscribed by our citizens for improvement work and it is the intention of the president of the Town Improvement company, Robert Baker, to appoint a committee at the next meeting to make the first collections, and the subscribers present will decide as to the best means of expending the money.

The Pioneer Land company has notified the citizen's committee that they have already purchased water pipe and will shortly place it on the cars for shipment to this place, and will immediately commence the erection of a water works and put in an electric light plant.

They also agree to erect a substantial brick building for a bank and office for the company as soon as material can be obtained. This movement forward on the part of our citizens and the Pioneer Land company will be hailed with delight by all those interested in the welfare and prosperity of this section.

Several loads of lumber have already arrived from the mills and it is expected that in a few weeks plenty of building material can be had. Our property owners have signified their intention of commencing the erection of buildings at once suitable for

dwellings and stores, for which there is a brisk demand.

A hardware store will be among the first additions to our industries; a barbershop, drug store, restaurant and ice cream saloon will follow. Within the past few weeks, a tin shop, fruit store, shoe store and paint shop have been added to our already large list of business houses.

The employment of a large force of men to work on the contemplated public improvements will have the effect of stimulating all classes of business and add largely to our population. We expect shortly to see Porterville take rank among the leading towns of Central California.

### PORTERVILLE IMPROVEMENT COMPANY LOOKED TOWARD PUBLIC WORK FOR BENEFIT OF THE COMMUNITY

PORTERVILLE, April 28, 1888

The company formed by the citizens of Porterville and having for its object the contemplation of public improvements and the welfare of the town in which they reside, was formally organized several months ago at the office of the Pioneer Land company, Robert Baker being elected president; R. Porter Putnam, vice president; J. F. Goore, secretary.

After discussion of matters relating to public improvements by various citizens present at the meeting, it was finally decided to adjourn subject to the call of the president.

On Wednesday evening, April 25th, the citizens have been noti-

ness of importance would come before the company, it was decided to hold a meeting at the office of the Pioneer Land company on the evening of that date. The meeting was called to order by the president, who stated the object of the meeting to be the consideration of a proposition from William Thomas, president of the Pioneer Land company, to unite with the citizens of Porterville in making certain public improvements which the good and welfare of the town demanded.

Mr. Goore, who was elected secretary at the previous meeting, having removed from Porterville, on motion of Fred Montalvin, El. P. Dewey was elected secretary to fill the vacancy.

The president of the Town Improvement company stated that the most important subject to be considered was that of putting into the town a complete system of sewerage disposal, and that Mr. Dodge, a competent civil engineer, estimated the cost at \$3,000, using six-inch terra cotta pipe.

Mr. Newman, resident agent of the Pioneer Land company, also a competent engineer, thought an eight-inch pipe would better meet the requirements of an increase in population which would likely follow the combined efforts of the citizens of Porterville to build up and improve their property.

Mr. Dodge's system was based on an estimated population of 1,000, which Mr. Newman thought would most likely be largely increased in a very short time.

Dr. Chapman made some very pertinent remarks concerning the dilapidated condition of our public school house and church, characterizing it as a disgrace to the town and injurious to the future prosperity of Porterville.

He also suggested that a uniform grade be established on Main street from the Pioneer Land company's office to the slough on the south; also from R. Baker's store, corner of Main and Mill streets, to the public school and church. He had been informed that the Coburn sawmill would commence operations in a few days and suggested that lumber be purchased and work commenced immediately on entire new sidewalks the full length of Main street on both sides.

On motion of William Hall, it was decided to appoint a committee to circulate a petition to the board of supervisors of this county to open a public road through Section 36 from the bridge at the south end of Main street to Tule river, thence in an easterly direction to the county bridge spanning Tule river. William Hall, Judge R. C. Redd, George E. Ducommun, R. Porter Putnam and John Wessman were appointed on the committee, with instructions to receive signatures to the petition at once.

It was stated that a petition is also in circulation to open a road through the Murphy tract, thereby giving our citizens a more direct route to Tulare City and the country to the north and west of us.

A committee of three, consisting of Dr. Chapman, Fred Montalvin and Mr. Anderson, were appointed to visit our citizens and endeavor to raise the sum of \$6,000, the estimated cost of putting in a sewerage system and grading streets and making other necessary improvements.

### YOU SHOULD REMEMBER THIS ONE



LUTHER ANDERSON home, on the southeast corner of Cleveland and Hockett street, where the city of Porterville now has a parking lot. Only signs of the original home are a few yard trees that are still growing along the edge of the parking area.



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## MAURICE HENDERSON RUNS ANGUS CATTLE ON RANCH STARTED BY HIS FATHER



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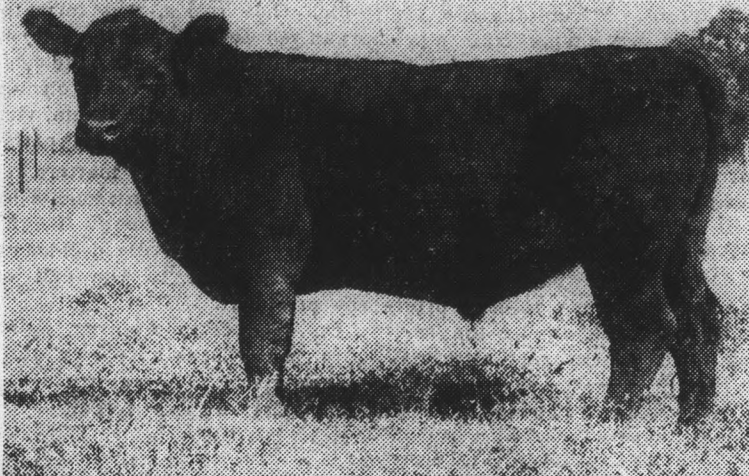
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MODERN CONDITIONS have brought a complete reversal in one idea of pioneers in the southern Tulare county area — the idea that cattle could not be profitably raised on the farm lands of the valley. But with recent development of irrigated pasture; with improvements in livestock production methods and livestock itself, and with cattle market excellent, many hundred head of beef animals are now raised on the floor of the valley. At the old Thomas Edwin Henderson ranch, west of Porterville — property that Mr. Henderson acquired in 1877 — his son, Maurice is now raising Angus cattle, both purebred and commercial, with pictures above showing a herd of these cattle on the Henderson ranch and also a fine, individual steer. Incidentally, in addition to being an early-day Porterville rancher and community leader, E. H. Henderson served 12 years on the Tulare county board of supervisors. (Farm Tribune photos.)

## Putnam-Rankin Meet In Wrestling Match

PORTERVILLE, October 2, 1891 — The third wrestling match took place at Davis' hall Saturday night for a purse of \$50. A good crowd was in attendance and all acquiesced in the opinion that it was the most scientific match yet given.

The contestants, Perley P. Putnam and Charles Rankin, were

both in fine training and equally matched. Putnam's backers say that some fouls made by Rankin did not receive due notice, but otherwise, all were satisfied.

The first round was a backhold wrestle in which Putnam soon floored Rankin. After an intermission, during which both by agreement took a drink of water, the second round, a sidehold wrestle, was engaged in. This being Rankin's strong hold, he, after some difficulty, brought Putnam to the carpet. The third round, a catch-as-catch-can, was also scored by Rankin and he was awarded the match.

See you in Porterville November 12, 1951.

## J. J. DOYLE IS IMPROVING MOUNTAIN SITE

PORTERVILLE, October 23, 1891 — A month or two ago we visited Mr. J. J. Doyle's Soda Springs location over on the Tule river, three miles from Mountain Home, to which he has built a new trail. There we found two cabins and evidence of considerable improvement.

A small orchard of apple trees set out this spring was making a fine growth until raided by stock which nearly destroyed the outfit. The soda spring here is the finest we have seen in the county.

Mr. Doyle has about 20 acres of cultivatable land. He has also built about five miles of wagon road down the river, which with the addition of seven more, will bring him within about two hours travel of Springville.

He intends making a summer resort of the place, which when his road is completed, will be easiest of access of any place on this side of the county for the elevation obtained.

While we were taking a nap under the trees, we heard the report of a gun and soon Mr. Doyle came into camp with a young bear across his shoulder. He had taken it in a trap about a quarter mile from the house.

## Property Tax Levied For Fire Department

PORTERVILLE, October 2, 1891 — The property tax which was levied some time ago for the benefit of the Porterville Volunteer Fire company, is now due and collection will be commenced shortly.

Deputy Sheriff Bob Hockett was appointed to collect the money under \$10,000 bond, with S. J. W. Tyler, J. B. Hockett, J. P. Murry, W. P. Putnam and W. A. Hall as bondsmen. As Bob Hockett's time is largely taken up in Visalia, he has deputized G. G. Murry to do the collecting.

## SHEEP DIP

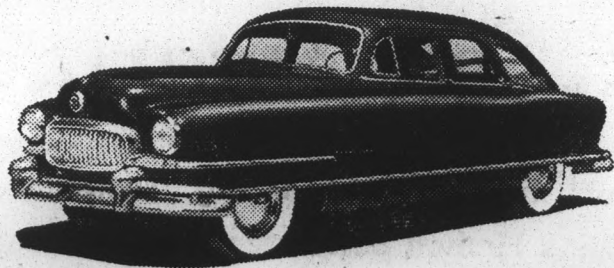
POPLAR, October 30, 1891 — Harry Quinn, one of the largest sheep owners in Tulare county, living near here, intends raising tobacco for the purpose of making sheep dip.

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## Porterville Makes Progress --- Has Problems; 'Twas Ever Thus Since Days Of Porter Putnam

PORTERVILLE, November 1, 1951 — Since the days when Porter Putnam was founding the city of Porterville, progress in the way of civic improvement has been made each year, yet, at the same time, there have always been problems to meet and solve. And today the situation is no different.

City Manager Harold Corbin states that since the 1950 Homecoming celebration in Porterville, progress has been made in many lines of civic endeavor, but at the same time, there are still problems of both minor and major character facing the city.



Corbin

During the past year the city water situation has been improved by addition of a new well at Walnut and A streets and the installation of a 50,000 gallon storage tank on Scenic Heights hill.



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The small park at Sunnyside and highway 65, where a centennial marker will eventually be placed to commemorate the old Butterfield stage depot, has been planted to lawn and shrubs; the Pioneer ditch has been covered between Main and Fourth streets along Cypress; drainage has been improved by removal of "curb return culverts" and other improvements on a number of city streets; a flashing-type traffic signal has been placed near schools, in cooperation with elementary school officials, and sanitary facilities have been improved at Murry park.

Pioneers returning to Porterville for the Homecoming celebration November 12 may notice that the Hockett street bridge has been widened and Hockett street paved between the bridge and Olive, while Willow street has been opened between D and Hockett.

In addition, bridges on E and Third streets have been repaired; four blocks of alley, east of Main street, between Garden and Cleveland, are being resurfaced after installation of concrete center gutters, and some five miles of city streets have been "seal coated" since last November.

Other noticeable improvements are realignment of Sunnyside and D streets at Morton; installation of traffic signals at Morton and Main and rearrangement of parking meters on Main street in order to provide a wider parking space.

At Porterville's Municipal airport, runways and taxiways have been resurfaced and the electrical system renovated at a cost of \$35,000, the money coming from the United States Army Air Corps as payment for damages done during army use in World War II.

Administration building has been remodeled inside and plans have been completed for a new hanger with five T-type stalls to house airplanes.

Porterville's fire department has also received attention — a new, triple combination fire truck having been purchased; a number of old fire hydrants have been replaced, and additional hydrants added, and the fire alarm system is being expanded and modernized, all of which will tend to reduce fire insurance rates within the city.

In the city streets department, three new trucks have been purchased to replace old equipment;

at the flood control gates at the Porter slough outlet from the Tule river, gates and dykes have been completely rebuilt and improved, a job necessitated by the flood of last November.

But Mr. Corbin also calls attention to the problems that still face Porterville, the greatest of

which is improvement of sewage disposal facilities. Voters have twice turned down a bond issue to construct a new sewage disposal plant and at present, city council members are listening to plans as proposed by a "citizens' committee" composed of Mac Williams, Glen Cline, Ross Boyd and

Nick Joannides.

Basic issues in the sewer problem seem to be whether or not to move the present sewage disposal plant location or to improve facilities on the present location, with the matter of cost receiving major attention. Bond issue proposals have included relocation of the disposal plant.

Then there is the problem of realigning and widening Orange street at Date to tie in with  
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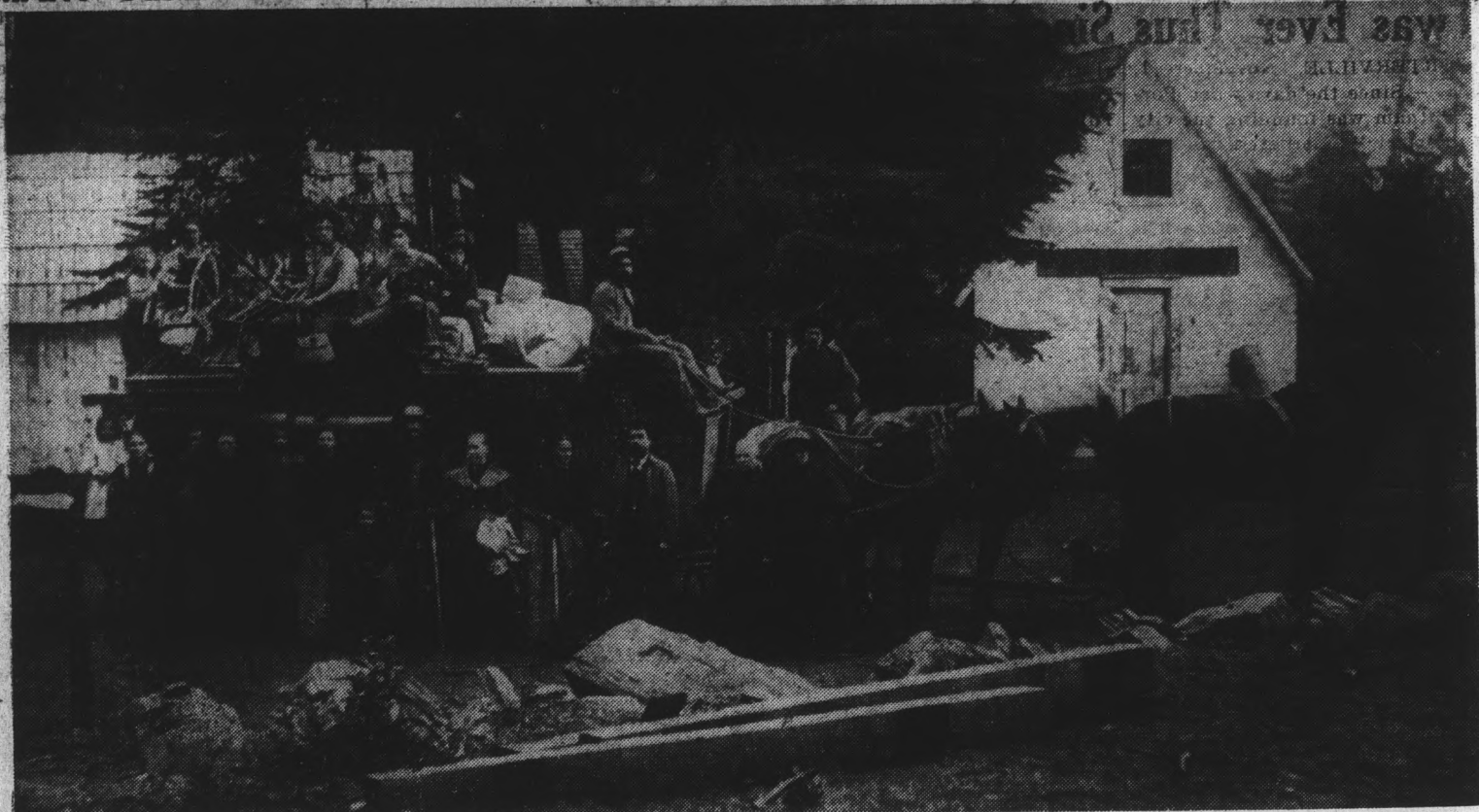
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# MANY OLDTIMERS HAVE RIDDEN THIS STAGE FROM PORTERVILLE TO MOUNTAIN HOME



IT WAS a long, hard trip into the Sierra country 50 or 60 years ago, compared to the few minutes' ride to automobile today, but the mountains have always offered an attraction to Porterville residents

and in the early days the "high country" not only afforded recreation and business opportunity, but also a more healthy climate than some of the valley areas, where malaria was a problem. The

above picture was taken at Mountain Home, probably some time in the 1890's, and apparently shows the Mountain Home stage either just arriving or just leaving. The

people in this picture have not been definitely identified; if you know any of them, why don't you drop a note to The Farm Tribune and let us know.

## Porterville Makes Progress

(Continued from page 7)  
the new Tule river bridge at the old Plano crossing, also the widening of Gravilla avenue. Both of these projects appear necessary in view of anticipated traffic increase from the state hospital now under construction southeast of Porterville.

Other pending highway and street matters include extension

of Henderson road toward the east to tie in with north Main street at Cypress; extension of Olive street east, across the Santa Fe tracks, to Gravilla; and the construction of additional bridges across Porter slough, particularly in the west area of Porterville.

Relocation of the city dump is also a problem at present and there is a growing demand for

additional park and recreation facilities. Being worked out at present is a plan whereby the Porterville Junior Livestock Show and Community fair can be permanently located in the municipal ball park.

Councilmen now serving the city of Porterville include Earl L. Reed, mayor; Dr. John Loyd, Dr. Philip S. Barber, Herman Matzke and Ed. Holbrook.

Farm Tribune Ads Pay.

## New Railroad?

PORTERVILLE, November 23, 1889 — Articles of incorporation have been filed by the Porterville and Tulare Railroad company. The company proposes to construct a railroad from Porterville to the city of Tulare, making 22 miles of road. Capital stock of \$220,000 has been subscribed; directors of the company are: P. N. Lillenthal, W. H. Chirckering, Louis Sloss Jr. and W. Thomas.

## BILL DALTON IS ACQUITTED BUT REARRESTED

VISALIA, October 16, 1891 — The case of Wm. Dalton for complicity in the Alila train robbery in February last, came up for trial this week. At the conclusion of the evidence, District Attorney Powers made the opening argument, but much to the disappointment of all present, Mr. Breckinridge announced that he would submit the case to the jury without argument. Judge Gray charged the jury and they retired for deliberation as to the guilt of the accused.

The jury was only out 20 minutes when the foreman announced that they had arrived at a verdict which was "not guilty." The district attorney then moved that the charge of assault to murder Express Messenger Haswell be dismissed.

Dalton shook hands with the jurymen while his relatives were so overcome that they indulged in tears. George W. Witty, deputy sheriff, then stepped forward and arrested Dalton on a charge of burglary, said to have been committed in San Luis Obispo county.

## PARTY

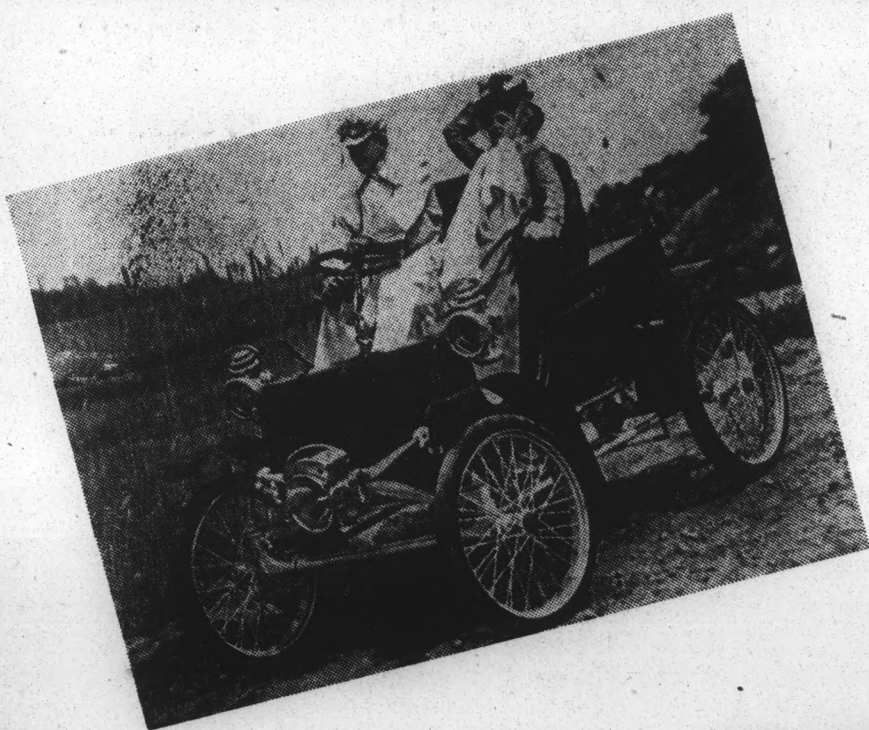
CRAMER, December 7, 1889 — the party at Milo Hall on Thanksgiving was a success. The music was furnished by the Millinghausen band; floor manager was Charles Lee, of Yokohl.

## ORANGES PLANTED

PLANO, May 18, 1889 — Rev. C. C. Belknap has planted five acres of oranges which have made a good start and seem to be doing well. He is putting up a windmill to assist in irrigating his trees.

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## FRASIER MILL ROAD WAS HEATED EARLY-DAY ISSUE

PORTERVILLE, August 3, 1889 — On Sunday, the 21st, a mob of about 10 armed men armed with rifles and axes proceeded from Mountain Home to Camp Two on the Frasier road and proceeded to demolish the gate and fences leading to the Frasier mill. Mr. Frasier, on the following

Thursday, went to Visalia and swore out a warrant for the arrest of the three principals of the group, Clyde Tyler, W. Sullivan and A. J. Doty, Jr., charging them with malicious mischief.

Under Sheriff White served the warrant on the parties mentioned on Sunday last. They appeared but were dismissed on the grounds that as the road was a public highway, there was no cause for action.

## Water Trouble

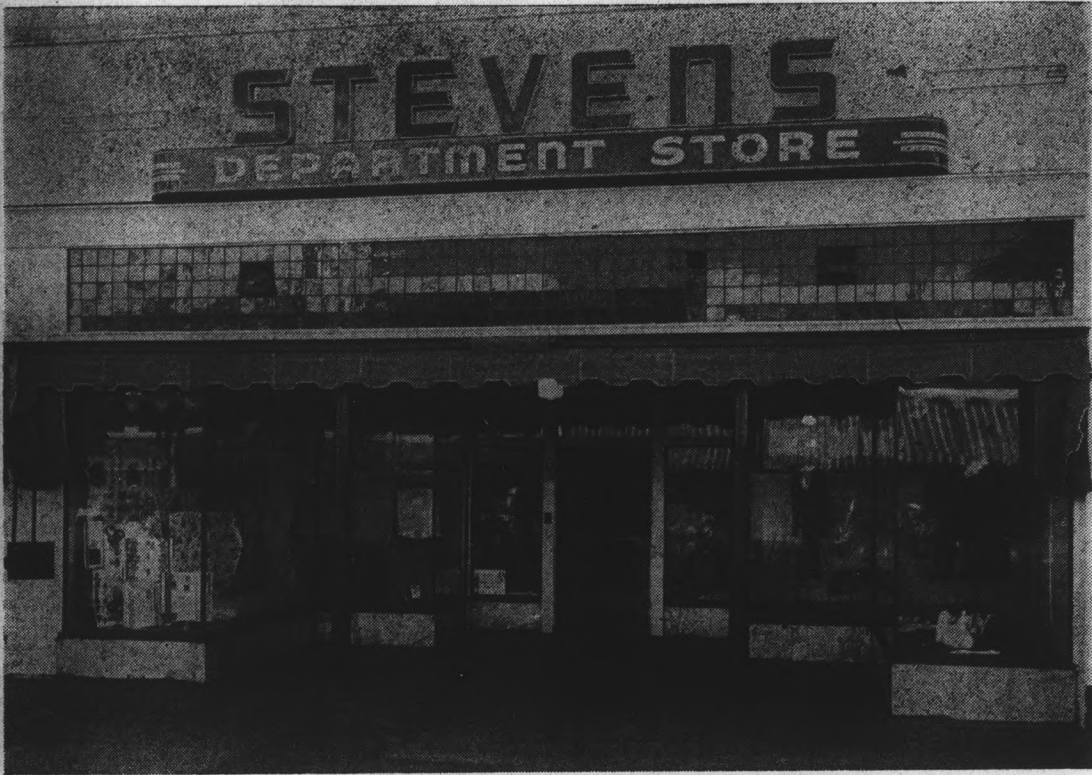
PORTERVILLE, July 27, 1889 — Nearly all the male population of Plano paid a visit to the office of the Pioneer Water company on Saturday for the purpose of presenting a petition requesting the company to destroy the head-gates of the ditch and allow the water to run into the river, but they got nowhere, as Emil Newman, the president of the company, refused point blank to take any steps in the matter.

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## "POPLAR TIMES" WAS PUBLISHED BACK IN 1915

PORTERVILLE, November 1, 1951 — Poplar community has also had its newspaper — the "Poplar Times" having been published by the Poplar chapter of the Epworth League back in 1915.

In a copy of Volume 1, No. 1, that L. N. Carpenter of Porterville still has, editor of the Times is listed as J. Crawford Trotter; circulation manager, Vernon Travis; manager, Orville C. Howland and reporter, Edna Thompson.

That the paper was crusading for not only spiritual things, but community improvement as well, is indicated in the lead story, in which Poplar is called to task for its unpainted buildings, the condition of its church building and the state of the roads, the latter classed as "the worst in central California." And the paper advocates that something be done about all these things.

Mrs. F. W. Ridgway and Mrs. George Taggard contributed recipes to the paper; attention is called to the Poplar Movies at Poplar, which can be seen without "hitching up a slow horse and driving ten miles at the close

## Hayes' Horse Loses

PORTERVILLE, August 10, 1889 — The match race between Captain J. Hayes' Black Pilot and Con. Young's Patsy, which had been talked of for some time, came off at the Jamieson track on Saturday last. The race was a half mile and repeat for \$100 aside. Betting was brisk, Black Pilot being the favorite at 6 to 4, but his backers got left as, after a very pretty and exciting race, Patsy won in two straight heats. Time 0.56.

## DELIVERY WAGON

PORTERVILLE, July 6, 1889 — R. Porter Putnam has started a delivery wamon so that now one has only to leave their orders and they will be promptly delivered.

## FIRST TRAIN

PORTERVILLE, April 27, 1889 — The first train, since the laying of the railroad between here and Poso, passed over the line, Sunday, running from Poso to Fresno. The train stopped at Porterville for an hour, the occupants inspecting the town and expressing great surprise and satisfaction at its progress.

of a hard day's work in search of recreation."

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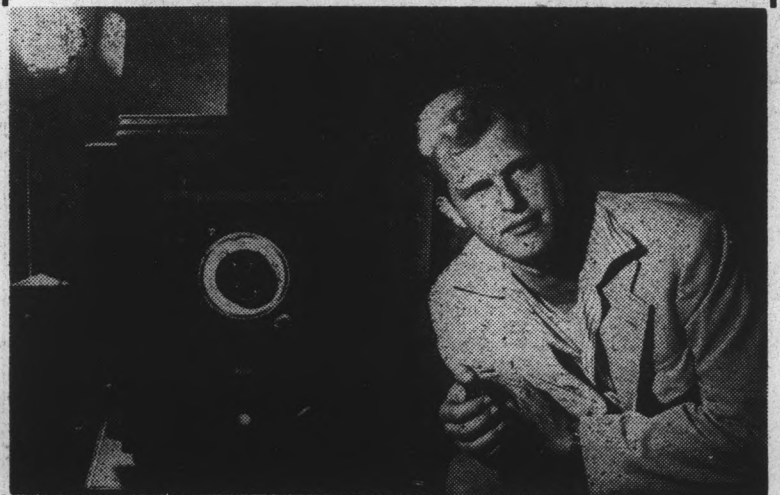


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# Cora Chubb Writes Of Experiences At Nelson's Camp After Tough Horseback Trip In September, 1895

(Copy of an account of a trip to Camp Nelson written in 1895 by Cora Chubb, wife of Mont Chubb, a druggist in Porterville. John and Ada McFarland accompanied them.)

Nelson's Camp  
Sept. 19, 1895  
Thursday afternoon

My Dear Mama:

Here we are in camp and how glad we all are for we found it a pretty hard trip. Mr. John invited us to their house to dinner the day we started and we went gladly and were welcomed just as though they expected us. We left their house at half past one for the "Club House" where we expected to stay all night. We went that far in their carriage leading three horses.

When we got within about ten miles of the club house one of the horses threw a shoe and loosened another, so we stopped at a farm house where there was a man who could shoe them, but that took time and it was pitch dark an hour before we reached the Club House. The road was very bad and the horses would not stay in it, so one of the men would have to get out every little way and feel for the road. My head began to ache just after we started and of course the motion of the carriage made it worse.

You can hardly imagine how glad I was when we reached our stopping place, I was afraid I was going to be a failure on a mountain trip.

We had good beds at the Club House but it was all so strange to me and I was so fearfully nervous with my heartache that I slept very little and yet when

morning came I felt first rate. We had a good breakfast and were started at half past seven. We got along just fine, barring a fall apiece for each of the horses in rough or slippery places, 'til we were about three-fourths of the way up, when Miss Ada's horse, in trying to get over a smooth rock about the size of a cook stove which was right in the trail and no getting around it, fell over the bluff backward with her in the saddle. After falling (there the wind blew the paper against the pen and made a horrible blotch) twenty feet down the ledge on some brush and Miss Ada clambered up on the trail with only a very small bruise on one leg. It was certainly a very narrow escape. Then the boys tied a rope around the horse's neck and shoved him down the bluff and held onto the rope until he lit on his feet. He was scratched some but not really hurt.

We went a little farther and stopped for lunch, it had been tied (the lunch I mean) onto Miss Ada's saddle in a little meal sack and when we went to eat it, it was just like crumbs for dressing, but we ate it just the same and after resting about an hour, started on and just three o'clock we reached Nelson's.

I tell you we were a tired party, our horses as well as ourselves. We used the fifth horse for the pack horse and he was completely given out.

Friday afternoon  
Well we are just as good as new. The boys went out last night and caught enough fish for supper and how good they did taste. We are all so glad we are here at

last. We are camping right out-of-doors with only a big cedar tree between us and the blue sky except at night when we girls sleep in Nelson's cabin so the boys can have all the bedding for the nights are very cold. We built up a big camp fire as soon as it was dark and all sat around it on the ground, you cannot imagine how strange it all seems to me. Mont went out fishing alone this morning, that is the way he likes to fish, and came home about four o'clock with seventeen, that was doing very well, a great many of them were longer than this sheet of paper (8 inches) and almost half as wide, the fish here are all trout.

There is a Miss Nelson who lives here through the summer with her father and brother. She is very nice, I had met her down in the valley. There is a man and his wife and a brother of Miss Avery's camped here. They have been camping around through the mountains for a month and are on their way home.

This morning we four women and Mr. John took the horses and went up on the trail a couple of miles and got back about two o'clock, when we got into camp there was a man and his wife there after supplies. They belong to a crowd of Tulare people who are about a half day's ride back in the mountains. The woman had a pair of overalls and a man's coat and they say all the ladies on the party dress the same way.

We don't put on any style ourselves — my hair is all brushed back in a little knot on top of my head and I wear a cap from the time I dress in the morning until I go to bed at night. We take off or put on our dress skirts whenever occasion demands no matter how many men are standing around.

Saturday morning  
Mont and Don Nelson have gone deer hunting and we three girls with Mr. John out fishing or rather they are fishing, I do not care to fish, I do my whole duty in the number I eat. You never heard tell of the amount Miss Ada and I can eat up here. The boys do their share of cooking and  
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## DO YOU REMEMBER THESE PEOPLE?



FIVE OF the people in this 1897 picture were teaching in Porterville — Miss Grace Redfield and Louis Weber, standing in back; E. Lindsay, Miss M. McFarland (not teaching) and Miss Marguerite Hughey, seated; Miss Frankie Henry, in front.

**BOARDING HOUSE**  
MILO, October 7, 1904 — Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Cornell intend moving to Porterville where they will run a boarding house through the orange packing season. Will Glover will stay on their place while they are gone.

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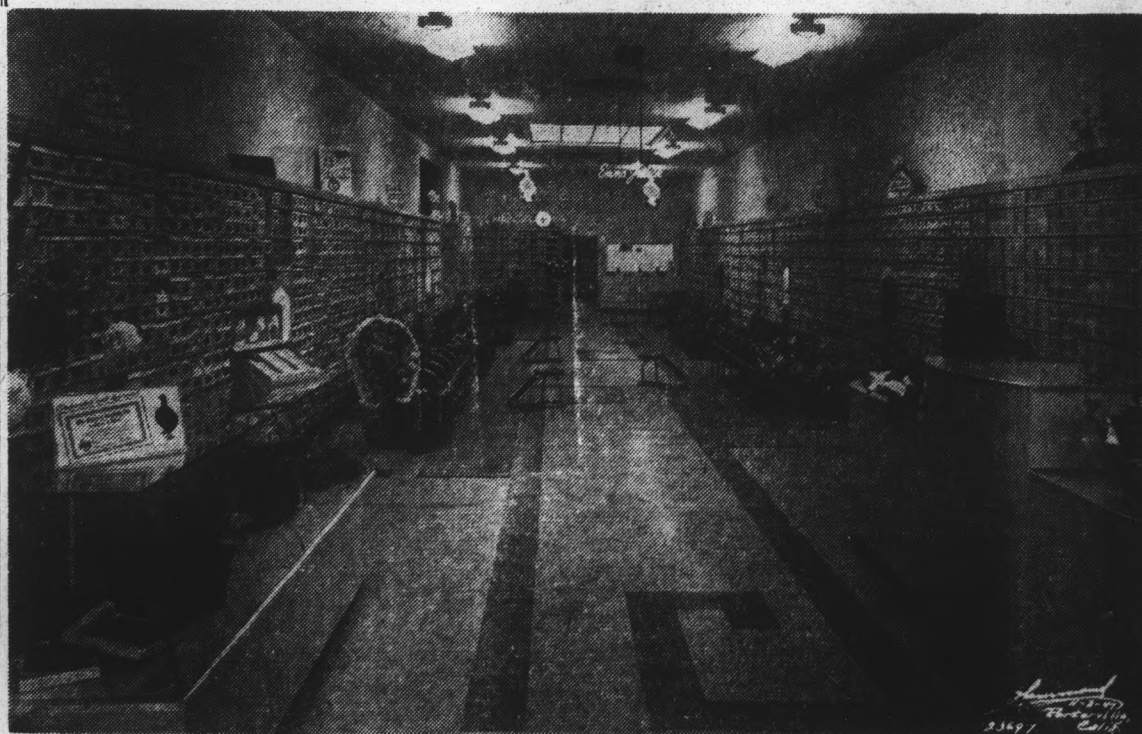
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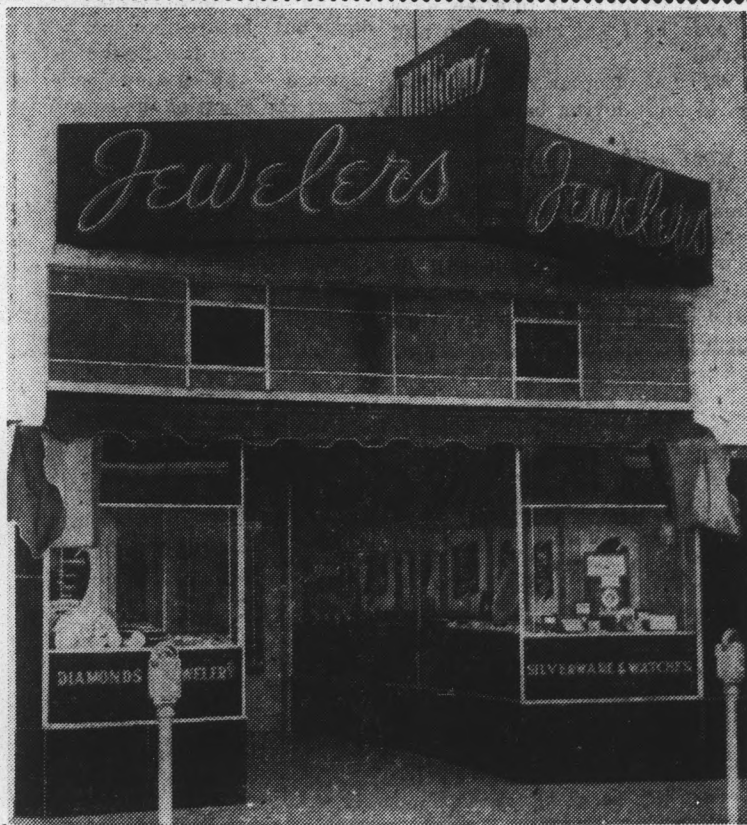
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## Cora Chubb Writes Of Experiences

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other work and are getting along just fine. There were eight of us around our camp fire last night when a man called from the darkness to ask if there was a man there who could help him get his horse out of the river, every man made a rush, and the women were not going to be out-done so they went too. Mr. Nelson had a lantern and we all followed the little speck for it was no more in the intense darkness away from our camp fire. It was about a quarter of a mile down to the river and part of that over a narrow trail that led down the side of a bluff. There lay the horse nearly covered with water that is like ice, he had ridden him off a bluff that was about ten feet high and straight up and down. They put ropes around him and pulled him out and this morning

when they started away with him he was frisky, the fellow had to hold tight to him, it was simply wonderful and he had ridden him clear from Plano yesterday.

We are right in clover up here for Miss Nelson brings us lots of nice things to eat and now I tell you we do appreciate it. It is perfectly beautiful up here, it is just a narrow canyon with great, great, high mountains on every side and they are covered with pine, fir, cedar, and redwood. In the bottom of the canyon is the river rushing over immense boulders nearly all the way with some beautiful falls. The elevation here is nearly seven thousand feet, pretty well up, you see.

Sunday afternoon

We hardly know it is Sunday for all the days are alike up here. Miss Ada caught three trout yes-

terday and was almost tickled to death over it. John caught just a dozen, Bart, Mont, and Don Nelson came home empty-handed — they never caught sight of a deer.

Miss Nelson had a severe headache when we got home so Miss Ada and I helped her get supper and I made four pies. She was so grateful for it and nothing would do but we must all eat supper there, so we did and helped her finish her work, then we all went down to our big campfire and told stories. Mont and Mr. John have gone on another deer hunt, they went up to a ridge where there is a camp and they will start from there at daylight.

Thursday morning, Sept. 26  
My dear Mossie:

We got home last night at midnight. As the clerk was sleeping in our bed while we were gone of course we had no place to crawl into at that time of night, but Miss Ada and Mr. John insisted on us going right home with them so we did and were just as welcome as we could have wished.

We left camp yesterday morning so that was why we were so late getting home. After we started home we all felt like coming right along instead of resting one night on the way as we did going up. Sunday was the last day I wrote any so I will begin with Monday. The boys came home without any deer — they had the satisfaction of seeing a doe and a fawn but it is against the law to shoot them. Mr. John said it paid him for going — just to see them, for in all the time he has hunted for deer he had never seen one before.

Tuesday we all went up to "Hosack Meadows." Miss Ada and I did not want to go and besides we were afraid it would tire us for we had the long ride home next day but the boys said it was our last day, we must go and that we would enjoy it all right after we got started, and so we did — it was a lovely trip, at one point we could see Porterville and miles and miles beyond. When we got to the Meadows we picketed our horses, and Mont wanted me to go with him to see if we could find a deer, he was so anxious for me to see one if we didn't get

to shoot at it. So we started out and tramped over the mountains, through brush and over boulders up hill and down for three hours and all we saw was fresh tracks of both deer and bear. When we got back to the horses, Miss Ada, Miss Nelson, and Mr. John, who had gone out to shoot grouse had seen a deer, Miss Ada was just wild over it.

I never saw Mont much more disappointed in all my life, he did so want to see one. I walked nearly all the way home that night for the jolt of the horses going down hill all the time gave me a pain in my side. It was down hill every step and so steep. I did not have to lead my horse but just turned him loose and he stayed right in the trail, it was the pleasantest day we spent while we were gone.

When we came home yesterday the trail did not seem half as bad as it did going up. I suppose one would get so they would not think anything of it.

We were just dead tired when we got home last night — and so dirty. We are all dreadfully sunburned and our noses are peeling right on the end and we are not a very handsome crowd at present, but we did have such a good time.

The boys were just as good as they could be and seemed to enjoy having us with them. I was fearful lest Miss Ada and I would be a bother to them but not one bit were we. Never having been on such a trip before we enjoyed everything even to being dirty. We are having a dreadful scouring time now that we are home.

Your letter was here when we got home and one from Doda.

Let her read this one and I will write to her in a few days.

I was so surprised to hear of Fannie having such a time but am immensely relieved to think it is all over with and she is getting better.

I will write again in a few days as soon as I get cleaned up and settled.

Write as often as you can, Mossie, to your loving baby girl.

CORA

Mont sends his love. Miss Ada said to tell you those blots on the first sheet were kisses.

Keep this letter Mama as a memento of our trip, it will be interesting to read when we have forgotten all about the trip. Tie a

## JUST LIKE OLD DAYS



OLDTIMERS CAN recall the days when a couple of mountain lion cubs were kept behind the Louie Osuna drug store in Porterville and a number of newtimers recall the lion, shown above, captured and raised by Marion Vincent, White River cattleman. When the pictures were taken, the cub weighed about 75 pounds, was 10 months old and played like a kitten, only considerably rougher. It followed Marion around like a dog; drank a gallon of milk a day and, when Marion would pet it, it poured forth with a happy sound like a purring truck engine. The cat is now in the San Francisco zoo. (Farm Tribune photos.)

## Judge Vs. Colt

PORTERVILLE, October 23, 1891 — Judge White of White River, undertook to ride an unbroken colt to Porterville, Sunday, but before reaching here, the colt and the judge parted company, the latter receiving rather the worst of the separation. He was badly bruised up, but managed by perseverance to reach here Monday noon.

little ribbon around it then it will not get mixed with the others and destroyed.

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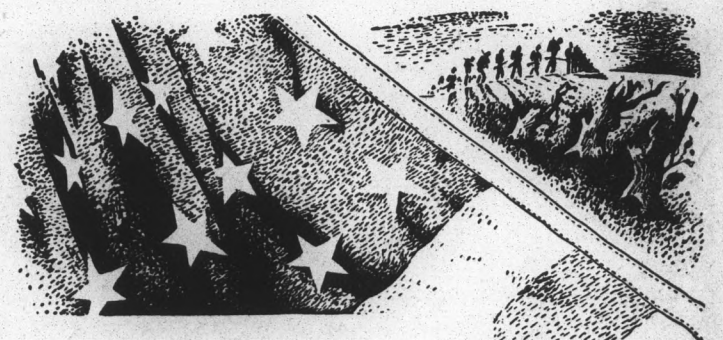
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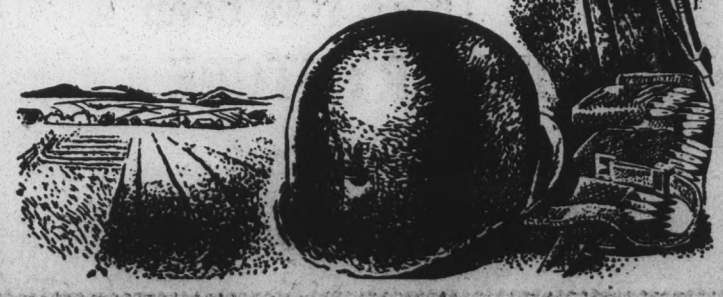


## ARMISTICE DAY

This day is dedicated to those who will remain forever young in the hearts of all who remember them . . . the youths who fought and fell . . . in France . . . North Africa . . . Italy . . . Normandy . . . the Pacific . . . Korea . . . We remember them with gratitude.

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## If You Should Visit Porterville And Wish A Little Time To Kill . . .

(A writer in the March 4, 1896 edition of the Porterville Enterprise broke into verse to tell about the businesses of Porterville — a verse that now recalls many of the names that were associated with early-day Porterville.)

If you should visit Porterville  
And wish a little "time to kill,"  
Or, if you wish to find a place  
To purchase goods from stove to  
lace;  
Or better still, desire attention,  
Just follow out this plain  
direction:  
Go to Mentz's and buy your  
shoes,  
Then stop at James' and get the  
news.  
Boatman & Son will sell you  
rice,  
McFarland's goods at lowest  
price.  
Pierce & Robbins will mix your  
pills,  
Beebe will collect your bills,  
Shuey, he will plead your case,  
Miss Kling will sell you hats  
and lace.  
If you want Counsel, go to  
Shaw,  
And Boller will expound the  
law.  
The Pioneer will feed you well,  
And Lewis, prime beefsteak will  
sell.  
Montgomery & Smith keep flour,  
Moomaws watches tell the hour.  
Pohlman sells a fine cigar,  
And Sutcliff keeps those called  
the Star.  
Delaney sells hardware and  
rope,  
Hallford, sugar, tea and soap.  
Montgomery has stamps for sale  
And he will hand you out your  
mail.  
The James' Cyclery keeps bikes,  
Schultz & Willson, tinware,  
stoves and spikes,  
Chiuda keeps all kinds of fruit  
Englund will make you a dandy  
suit.  
Ward & Joy your horse will  
shoe,  
Wessman will set your tires  
quite true.  
Sarhou will treat you to a  
smoke  
Of prime tobacco called the Oak.  
You'll get good coin at Pioneer  
bank;  
From Nieman, a first-class wa-  
ter tank.  
Carpenter will make you shout  
If you go and have your molars  
out.  
Brumfield & Hardeman will  
give  
Advice, which taken, will make  
you live.  
And Smith, the jeweler, called  
J. A. G.  
Will fix your watch so 'twill  
not lag.  
Newman will sell rich orange  
land  
In Porterville Vale, which from  
ev'ry hand  
Is called the best for citrus  
fruit,  
And if you buy 'twill surely  
suit.  
For whips and bridles call on  
Haley;  
And if you're sick, don't pass  
by Daley.  
Owens will sell you pure fresh  
milk;  
Mrs. Hubbs will make you hats  
of silk;  
F. Bearss & Son will furnish  
you  
Trees of all kinds, Guava and  
Yew.  
If you are anxious to look about,  
Sigler & Shuey will drive you  
out;  
Thomson & Loyd will also go  
And points of interest gladly  
show.  
Hatcher will fill your teeth  
with gold,  
Or make them new, take out  
the old.  
Jackson will buy your wheat  
with cash;  
Mapes sell you harness, whips  
and lash;

Leslie'll grind your corn and  
wheat;  
Jopling & Williams fit you  
neat.  
Judge Avery'll call you into  
court,  
(And Witt will furnish then,  
the sport.)  
Reynolds & Howell always  
boast  
Of carrying good, prime fresh  
roast.  
Knupp, he handles gold in  
store  
And is always glad to get some  
more.  
Norris will draw your will and  
deeds,  
Attend to vrious other needs.  
The Abstract company will draw  
A land abstract without a flaw.  
H. Manter'll sell you good, fat  
stock;  
John Loyd, good meals in  
Kessing block.  
Mr. Davidson has citrus fruit;  
Flindt makes a nice, well-fit-  
ting boot.  
Ackerman has lodgings nice,  
Which one can get at the lowest  
price.  
Ting will make you pies and  
bread;  
Mahaffey will shampoo your  
head,  
Trim your moustache and dress  
your locks;  
Millick will paint your house and  
blocks.  
The Lumber Co. will sell to  
you  
The best of lumber, shingles  
too;  
And Burns will build a cottage  
neat  
In any place on any street,  
And plane your lumber, turn  
your posts;  
Scotty will serve you well-  
cooked roasts;  
Robert Baker will take you in  
hand  
And show you the finest  
grazing land.  
Davis to court will welcome  
you,  
Give you a seat in good, plain  
view  
And invite you to enjoy  
yourself;  
Hubbs will make you Redwood  
shelves;  
S. Baker will a measure take  
Make your horse a shoe that  
is no "fake."  
Then if you wish to  
advertise,  
Go and visit the Enterprise:  
Then make a call in the next  
block  
And view Miss Brown's new  
mill'nery stock.  
In Central block you'll find  
Labille,  
Who lately came to Porterville,  
He'll make a shoe both neat and  
trim  
So don't forget to call on him.  
Also visit Frank Putnam's hall  
The next time that there is a  
ball;  
And when the Orders meet,  
remember  
To present be, if you are a  
member.  
McCallister will sell you trees  
And always manages to please.  
There is a man you must not  
pass  
If you are fond of "chaff and  
gas."  
John T. Manter will delight  
And make you laugh from  
morn 'till night.  
W. McKinley keeps Turn Outs  
fine;  
Ford sells land for fruit and  
vine,  
And he will show you all the  
land  
In valley, town and mountain  
grand,  
Its qualities tell with every  
breath,  
And, unless you're proof, talk  
you to death.  
Then when Henry's got quite  
through,

## CLINT BIGGS' TRIP ENDS IN MINING SHAFT

WHITE RIVER, May 11, 1889  
— One day last week Clint Biggs came through Tailholt on his way to Visalia and thinking perhaps that it would look more dignified

McCabe will gladly bury you.  
The baseball club will swing  
the bat  
And ask each other, "Where  
are we at?"

for a man of his calibre to ride in a carriage than on horseback, went to Mrs. McDonald and secured the loan of her cart for the trip.

His horse had never been work- ed single and acted rather ner- vously, but with the help of Miss Maggie McDonald, he succeeded in hitching him in, but when she turned him loose, he made a ter- rific lunge and lit out on a keen run.

He narrowly missed going off the bridge; went up a hill and

around a steep hillside and Biggs fell out. The horse took across Woody avenue and up Tucker gulch, when he fell into a mining shaft, which ended the cat-hop. The horse was extricated, after some difficulty, but was not in- jured.

All that was left of the cart was the seat. Biggs will no doubt get the girls a new cart as a solace for the damage done.

See you in Porterville November 12, 1951.

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## Pioneer Women Solicited Funds, Gave Socials To Finance First Porterville School And Church

By Mrs. Mary J. Putnam  
PORTERVILLE, March 4, 1896

In the year 1872, Porterville was a small town consisting of one saloon, a postoffice and a blacksmith shop. There was neither church nor schoolhouse then, but a building that answered for a school for 10 or 12 pupils.

As time went on, the ladies, thinking that the town ought to have a better looking schoolhouse, held a meeting and decided that one could be built by their united efforts in getting up socials, dancing parties, etc.

Mrs. Keeney took a subscription paper a short distance into the country and succeeded in getting the nice sum of \$300 in one day. The business men in town gave liberally. The first party was given at R. P. Putnam's new store. It was a success and all had a pleasant time.

Next in order were socials. The first one was at Mrs. Keeney's



MARY JANE PUTNAM

residence: The house was filled to overflowing and supper was served in the yard with all the good things that could be found.

The receipts of the evening were \$24.

Three more socials were held at the homes of the ladies and all were well attended. At one, \$80 was taken in, which was quite an addition to the treasury. Dancing parties were gotten up quite often, as the young people and those who were not so young never tired of that exercise and were willing to assist in such a good cause.

One of the saloon-keepers was very liberal with us. Business detained him from coming to the supper, so he asked for a lunch to be sent to him and he paid a two and a half dollar gold piece.

That winter passed off very pleasantly with work and pleasure combined. It was hard to tell who worked the hardest; those who did the dancing, the ladies who served the supper or the saloon men who kept open doors to accommodate the tired, thirsty men who came their way.

When there was a sufficient

sum, building was commenced on the schoolhouse; and when partly done, another opportunity was given for dancing and other amusement.

One lady made a pyramid cake that brought \$20. Another lady made a cake with a gold ring in it, which sold for 25c a slice, and they were very small slices, too. No one complained, as money was plentiful.

In a few months' time, the building was finished. It took more money than it would nowadays, as lumber and labor were very high.

In course of time, a few people of Porterville thought best to build a church. R. P. Putnam gave the lots and some lumber. All the business men and farmers gave sums of money to help build, and work was commenced. But money gave out and the carpenters had a vacation.

Soon the building committee of ladies came to the rescue. It was busy times with them again; they got up dinners on Thanksgiving and Christmas and parties in the evening after each dinner and they danced as hard for a church as

## Vandalia Bridge Work Underway

PORTERVILLE, May 11, 1889

The pile drivers who have been working on the Vandalia bridge for the past week are expected to get through this evening. On Monday, Roadmaster Brown intends putting on a new force of men to cover the bridge, which he expects to have open to traffic in about three weeks.

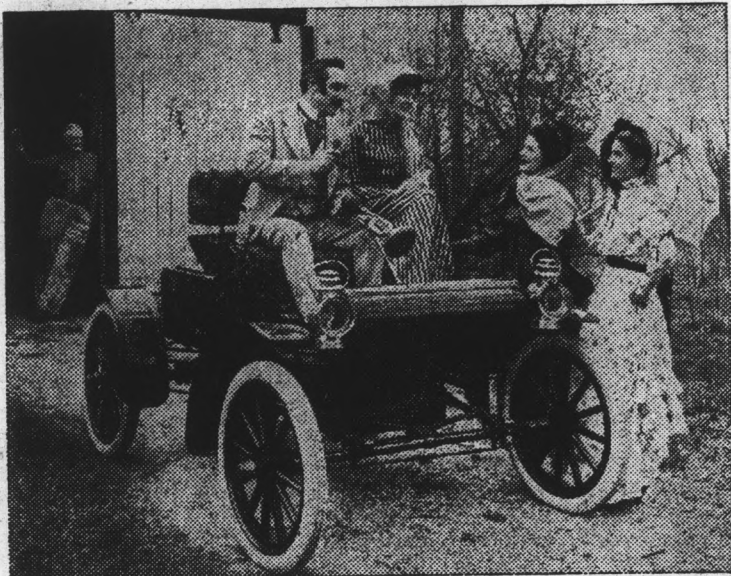
(Jump 62 years to 1951 and we find that work is underway on a new bridge at the same location.)

they had for the schoolhouse. The Porterville people of old times were never weary of well doing and the ladies were no through with their labors when the church was finished.

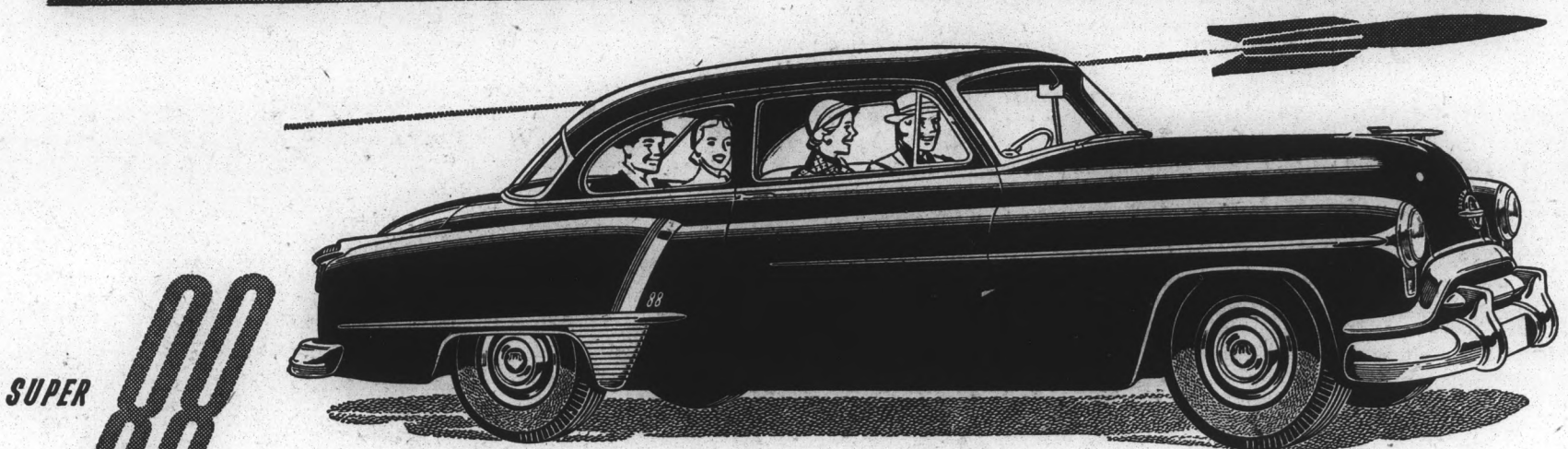
Every Thanksgiving and Christmas a dinner was gotten up to pay for preaching, insurance and all other church expenses. They never had a quiet home dinner during the holidays. The olden time workers can look back with pleasure and satisfaction and bid the present workers, "God speed."

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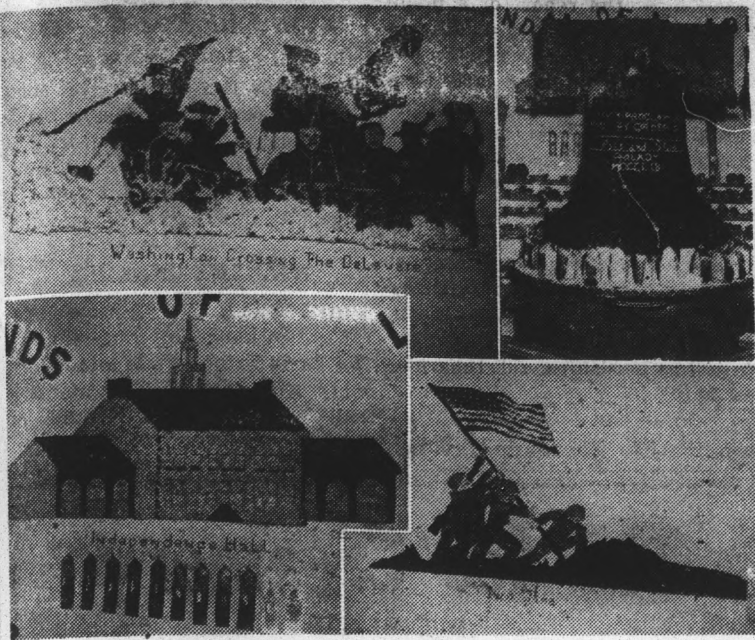
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IT'S GETTING TO BE A HABIT



FOR THE third consecutive year, Porterville booth at the Tulare county fair has taken top honors, this year with a theme, "Dividends Of Liberty." Shown above are theme pieces, made of farm produce, that added to the attractiveness of the booth: Washington Crossing the Delaware; the Liberty Bell, constructed to scale; Constitution Hall and Flag Raising at Iwo Jimo. The booth was planned and constructed by the Porterville Chapter of the California Young Farmers. (Farm Tribune photo)

Large Orchard

PORTERVILLE, March 4, 1896 — Seventy-five acres in the heart of the citrus belt have been purchased recently by J. Howard Wil-

liams of New Jersey and will be planted to citrus fruits; ten acres to pomelos, the rest to oranges and lemons. This is the largest grove in this section of the country owned by a single individual.

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Tulare County Agricultural Income Continues Upward To Hit Almost \$197 Million Record During 1950 Year

PORTERVILLE, November 1, 1951 — When we stated last year that a 1949 agricultural income in Tulare county of \$178 million for 1949 fulfilled even the most expansive dreams of pioneers, we failed to reckon with the year 1950 — for last year, the county's agricultural income jumped \$18 million dollars to a total of \$196,819,459 to again place Tulare county as second wealthiest agricultural county in the nation.

County Agricultural Commissioner Oscar L. Hemphill has reported that citrus value in 1950 was \$17,713,803; deciduous fruits and grapes, \$43,003,823; truck crops \$12,806,761; agriculture, \$136,800; dairy products, \$12,381,358; livestock, \$39,301,065; miscellaneous, \$1,322,934; poultry, \$8,662,106; field crops, \$61,238,923 and subsidy payments, \$251,886.

(That latter item is something the pioneers probably never dreamed of.)

A breakdown of planted acreage shows: Citrus, 38,744; deciduous and grapes, 109,997; truck crops, 26,003 and field crops, 268,702.

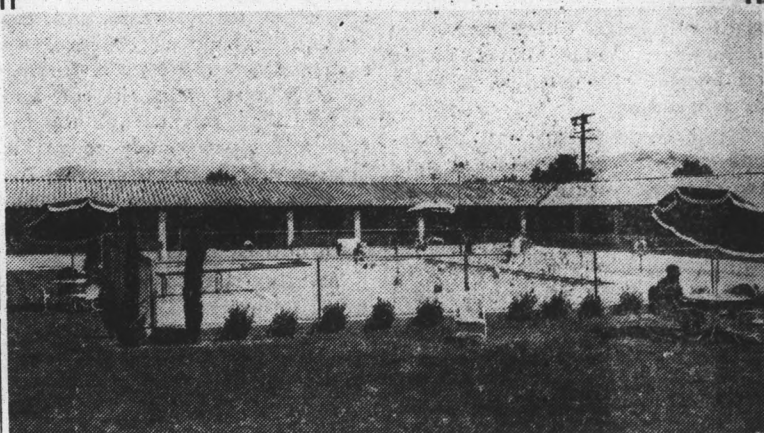
The county had 554,333 head of chickens and produced 937,000

head of baby chicks; had 8,173,888 dozen eggs and raised 12,013,573 pounds of turkeys.

In the livestock field, value of cattle was \$36,960,817; hogs, \$1,440,689 and sheep and lambs, \$140,000.

All of which shows the tremendous progress in diversification and value of agriculture, as compared to those "good old days" 50 or 60 years ago.

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SPRINGVILLE, October 7, 1904 — Mrs. Shuey writes from West Pico street in Los Angeles that she called on Mrs. E. H. Adams, W. T. Baldwin's sister, and found her very ill; that Miss Hannah Ball of Woodville is teaching there and that the Newmans, Woodleys, Squires and Shueys are near neighbors in Los Angeles.

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## EARLY-DAY SOCIAL ACTIVITIES; EXPERIENCE WITH INDIAN RECALLED BY ARTICLE WRITTEN DURING 1896

By Mrs. Rose E. Brown  
PORTERVILLE, March 4, 1896  
—"You have lived here sometime, have you not?" I asked a sweet-faced old lady.

"Why yes," she answered, "it is a good many years when one stops to think of it. We moved here in the fall of 1859, and this country looked very different then. There was not a dwelling between Outside creek and Frazier valley; only one long expanse of hog wallows, with great herds of cattle roaming over them where now one sees acre upon acre of orange and lemon trees surrounding lovely homes. Neighbors were miles apart, seldom visiting unless on special occasions, as a birth or a wedding.

"One could hardly call Porterville a town then, there being only two houses within its limits — the hotel where the Palace now stands and Israel Clapp's house, which was afterwards purchased by J. B. Hockett, who built a new residence and has lived there ever since.

"The Indians were established on the old reservation, just above Porterville, with Cage Turner as agent. We often employed them to herd sheep and do other work on the farm."

"Weren't you afraid of them?" we asked.

"Oh, no, not of those belonging on the reservation, but sometime later, the Owens river tribe got into trouble and were moved over here. Those we did not know and were somewhat afraid of.

"I remember one night it became necessary for myself and little boy to stay all night alone. We had an Indian herder who was one of the Owens river tribe

and could neither speak nor understand a word we said. About dusk he came to the house, making all sorts of gestures which I thought could be easily interpreted as a warning of some danger; so I only waited until he reluctantly went toward the barn to take my little boy and rush out to a ravine away from the house, where we remained all night, expecting every moment to hear an Indian warwhoop, as I did not doubt for an instant they were coming to kill us.

"Just as day was breaking, we crept back to the house, and, the daylight giving us courage, we commenced to investigate, finding to our chagrin, that the calf had escaped from its pen and the Indian had wanted help to get it back in. As this, my first great Indian scare, had ended so ignominiously, I did not allow myself to again mistrust them.

"Nothing of a social nature occurred to interrupt our quiet lives until Porter Putnam came back from 'the states' in 1864, bringing his young wife, and issued invitations to a reception and ball in her honor. This was truly an event of importance, as we were all anxious to show our sincere regard for Mr. Putnam and extend a cordial welcome to his wife.

"So with a flutter of expectancy we hastened to inspect our long unused wardrobe; but, alas, while we had allowed ourselves to stagnate, the 'hoop skirt' had been ever on the increase, making it necessary to enlarge the skirts, and thus satisfy Dame Fashion. The bodice, too, needed a little extra lacing down its pointed front to give us those tapering waists we so much admired. This

having been accomplished, we looked forward impatiently for the eventful evening to arrive.

"It came, and with it such a crowd as our little town had never dreamed of. Visalia, Woodville and even Havilah were all represented. We literally 'danced till broad daylight.' The musicians were Loue Noble, George Kraft and Paschel Bequette from Visalia, and it was genuine music. They played those good old tunes without so many variations that you can't tell what they are.

"In memory I can see the long, narrow room, with its low ceiling and candlelit walls, while among the happy throng were bright, young faces that are now wrinkled and crowned with snowy hair. There was our host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Putnam, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Murry — that sounds very formal to me as it was Pat Murry in those old days, Mrs. Conner, Miss Mary Conner — I suppose you know her as Mrs. Dr. Henrahan, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stone, and Henry Hunsaker, with his young wife, came from Woodville. Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hockett were there. They had come to Porterville to make their home and we were glad to welcome such an addition to our social world.

"Mr. and Mrs. H. M. White came from their Frazier valley home, Mrs. Tatum was there, Mr. Hicks Allen and bride were there from Visalia, Mrs. Dr. Russell and daughter, Miss Flemmie, came with them. Of course, there were many more, but 'tis so many years I cannot recall them. And that was Porterville's first grand party. Many came after, but none more enjoyable.

"A few months after this I think Mr. Putnam built his new store across the street from the hotel and, of course, we had to dedicate that by another dancing party. While standing in a set

near the door, I was somewhat startled by the report of a pistol and the bullet passing so near as to almost graze my skirt; but 'twas only one of those early time accidents — someone getting too happy on the street and taking that mode of expressing their joy, as they sometimes do even now.

"We had many, very many more pleasant times in those good old days, when everyone from Frazier valley to Visalia were counted as neighbors. But I could talk until morning about the early pleasures, as well as hardships, and then not tell half."

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## Sawmill Is Sold

SPRINGVILLE, April 5, 1951—Sale of the Rouch Sawmill Ltd. to the Harbor Box and Lumber company of Los Angeles is now being consummated, with the deal including all Rouch land, equipment, rolling stock and leases, except the Jordan Peak ski run.

## TRIBUNE CHANGES

PORTERVILLE, January 18, 1951 — Change of ownership of The Farm Tribune was announced today, with John H. Keck and Bill Rodgers buying the interest of C. L. Brooks.

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# FISH FOR FEATHERS

By Phil The Forester

FRESNO, November 1, 1951 —

Although the summer trout season came to a close at the end of October, black bass, crappie, green sunfish, catfish and bluegill may continue to be taken legally until the end of February.

During January the fish and game commission will fix all fishing and hunting regulations for the new year which will become effective March 1, so we can go no farther than the last day of February for the time being.

Anglers are reminded that the Kings River upstream from the Friant-Kern Canal and Shaver Lake, although containing black bass, are nevertheless closed to all fishing.

## STRIPED BASS OPEN

California newcomers are reminded there is no closed season on striped bass and the commission is not expected to make any change in this regulation. We have received several reports that small strippers are being caught in canals near Mendota.

If frogs are not in hibernation, a limit of 24 measuring four inches from tip of nose to crotch may be taken until January 31.

Abalone will continue in season until January 14 and clam limits are legal at least until the commission considers the subject in January.

## WATER HEARING

Last Monday we had a tiresome day sitting in the Sacramento senate hearing chambers from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m., listening to California water problems.

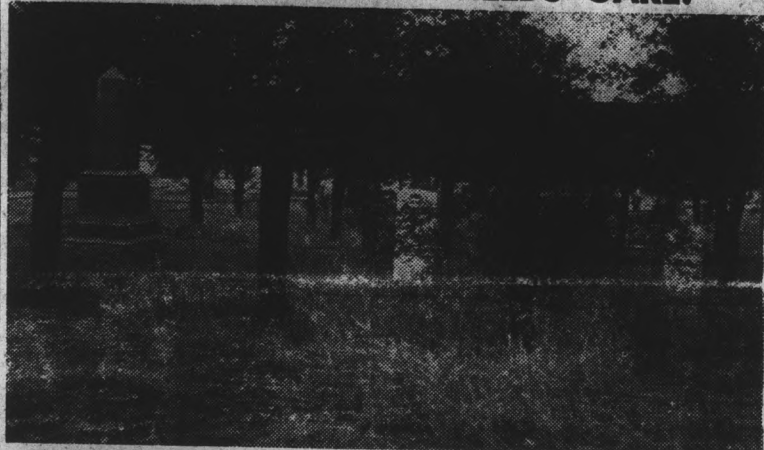
A special congressional subcommittee on irrigation and reclamation and joint senate-assembly interim committee on water problems spent the first three days of this week attempting to find out from various testimony where California is going with its water.

Sportsmen took an active interest in these hearings to determine whether or not there would be a few drops left over for fish and wildlife.

After the testimony has been thoroughly digested, it is believed some new legislation will develop, but just what remains to be seen.

Attorney General Edmund G. (Pat) Brown has ruled that water need not be released from Millerton Lake for fish and wildlife but the State Senate Interim Committee on Fish and Game has nevertheless passed a resolution asking for a sufficient release to protect fish and wildlife in the San Joaquin River below Friant.

## CRAMER CEMETERY NEEDS CARE!



AINSWORTH FAMILY plot in the old Cramer cemetery is shown in the above photo; lower photo is a general view of a section of the

## SPRINGVILLE NEWS

By Winnie Gage

SPRINGVILLE, November 1, 1951 — Mr. and Mrs. George Shaw of San Francisco spent a few days last week here visiting George's brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Shaw.

Private First Class Billy Morris is spending a fifteen day furlough at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ruby Morris. Billy has been in St. Louis the past nineteen months and is going to Amarillo, Texas from here. He is

in the Air Corps.

Mrs. Kate Curry has returned to her home in Oakland after a month's visit here with her sister-in-law, Mrs. Elvira Herbert.

Rev. and Mrs. B. J. Morford of Porterville were dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Fees Monday evening.

Mrs. Lyman Gage went to Monterey Tuesday to visit her son, Louis, and family. She was accompanied by M/Sgt. Joseph Gage and family and Mrs. Don Sprowls and grandson, Tommy.

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cemetery with a headstone leaning against a fence post. Unfortunately this pioneer cemetery is badly in need of attention, yet members of some of Tulare county's oldest families rest here. Names, in addition to the Ainsworths, that can be read on old headstones include: Cromwell Axe, Priscilla Axe, Sarah A. Burgen, N. V. Burgen and J. R. Tally.

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## THE OLD DAYS

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### PORTERVILLE ENTERPRISE February 14, 1902 PORTERVILLE

Clint Brown's stock ranch of 5,000 acres in Frazier valley has proved itself fine property, especially during this dry spell, as his sheep on it have done exceptionally well. He was enabled this week to mark up 105 per cent of lambs, which are all in fine condition. This land would make very fine orange land, some of the first bearing trees in the county having been planted there and are now doing well, oranges on trees at this time not having been touched by frost. There are several springs on the property. Anyone desiring such property can purchase it of Mr. Brown, either as a whole or in part at a very reasonable figure.

A handsome diamond A.O.U.W. badge, which was awarded Porterville Lodge No. 199 last year by the grand lodge as a prize for obtaining the largest membership during a certain time, was voted Saturday night by members to O. E. Gibbons as a gift for being the man most worthy of being presented with it by the lodge.

### DOINGS OF THE SOUTH SIDE

F. A. Doty is painting his dwelling on Hockett street.

John Janoiko is building a bay window front on his house and is also erecting a large building to be used as a barn and a packing house.

John Witt is building an addition to his house on the corner of B and Orange streets.

John Price of White River is down here with a view to buying lots and establishing a residence.

Charles Higgins has planted shade trees around all of his property.

### OAK FLAT

Bert Berry has been plowing and putting in his grain.

William Burton came up from Blue Mountain last Thursday and is working on the school house.

Miss Lucy Box is attending the Wicker school.

A. W. Smith is at work on the road down near Granite.

Miss Susie McCabe of White River has been stepping at the Jack ranch of late.

S. M. Smith went to Porterville the latter part of last week, returning today. He brought back the shingles for the school house.

Arthur Bowen, who lives at Lynn's valley, returned about a week ago from San Francisco. His family remained at Alameda.

### SPRINGVILLE

Mr. Bearss has arrived in town

to reside. He recently traded property to Mrs. Long for her Springville home and now is to be one of us.

Mrs. O. P. Payne visited her sister in Porterville this week.

Mrs. Ida Long was in Springville on business last Tuesday.

J. W. Bursell, the real estate rustler, has made several sales this week.

A. P. Hubbs made two trips to Visalia the past week on legal matters.

Henry Murphy, who owns a large body of land at Milo, is getting ready to build several miles of hog-tight fence, and will engage extensively in the hog business.

Mrs. Kate Prescott was down from Milo, Saturday.

A. S. Hoover, constable of Springville judicial township, is going to paint his residence this spring. Go more of you and do likewise.

A. M. Coburn is building himself a yacht at Petaluma, to be used at Point Richmond.

The many old-time friends of J. E. Buckman in this section would like to see him our next county school superintendent. His wife went to school at Mt. View years ago and Mr. Buckman seems like one of us.

### THE FARM TRIBUNE

October 31, 1947

Possible locations for a community fair grounds will be investigated by committee members, and blue prints of various fair setups in the state will be obtained for use in future planning, it was decided Monday evening at a meeting of the local Farm Event committee held in the Porterville chamber of commerce office. Rolla Bishop and "Babe" Hodgson were named to look into possible locations and Dr. M. L. Grimsley, Porterville chamber of commerce secretary, offered to obtain plans of other fair grounds in California.

### CHINESE MINING

WHITE RIVER, November 2, 1889 — A great many Chinese are at work in the placer mines on Grizzly gulch. The diggings are deep and most too much work for a white man, but the Chinamen work them and make lots of money.

### RETURN HOME

CRAMER, September 7, 1889 — C. J. Duncan will be home this week from Woodville, where he spent the summer butchering for Mr. G. G. Duncan.

### Pioneers Claimed By Death During Past 12 Months

PORTERVILLE, November 1, 1951 — Pioneers taken by death between November 11, 1950 and October 1, 1951, include the following:

Mrs. Otto Bastian, Mrs. Clara Beldin, Herbert D. Blanchard, Mrs. Arch Blizzard, Joe C. Braly, Charles S. Carr, Mrs. Mattie (Rose) Clarke, Henry Collier, Henry Conner, Mrs. Nellie Buchanan, Mrs. Lillie (J. J.) Doyle, William Dunlap.

Mrs. Effie Elder, Henry Etter, Mrs. Louis (Abbott) Eyer, Mrs. Madeleine Flory, Mrs. Madge Frame, L. E. Goebble, William Gross, Mrs. B. Hearn, Mrs. Florence Heasty, Robert M. Higgins, Mrs. Ona Belle Johnson, Mrs. Nellie Jones, George B. Kieffer, Mrs. Pete Levalley.

Henry McDarment, Frank Meddick, Mrs. Anna L. Norris, James W. Miner, George S. Owen, Mrs. Jane T. Peery, Chris Pein, Mrs. Eada (Fine) Plummer, Mrs. Geo. Rising, A. Hodge Slaughter, Fred Smallcomb, Charles Smith (the carpenter) Mrs. Mary C. Sprott, Mrs. Phillinda Wells, Alonzo Phillips and J. Frank Wright.

The above names were compiled from the Porterville Homecoming file of pioneer addresses.

### This Is Springville Before It Existed

PORTERVILLE, April 10, 1890 — The North Tule Soda Spring bids fair to become quite a little hill town in the near future, judging by the efforts of Avon Coburn to make of it a trading center.

He is running a nice mill there and is improving his property, which he intends cutting up into colony and building lots, several of which will be built on this summer.

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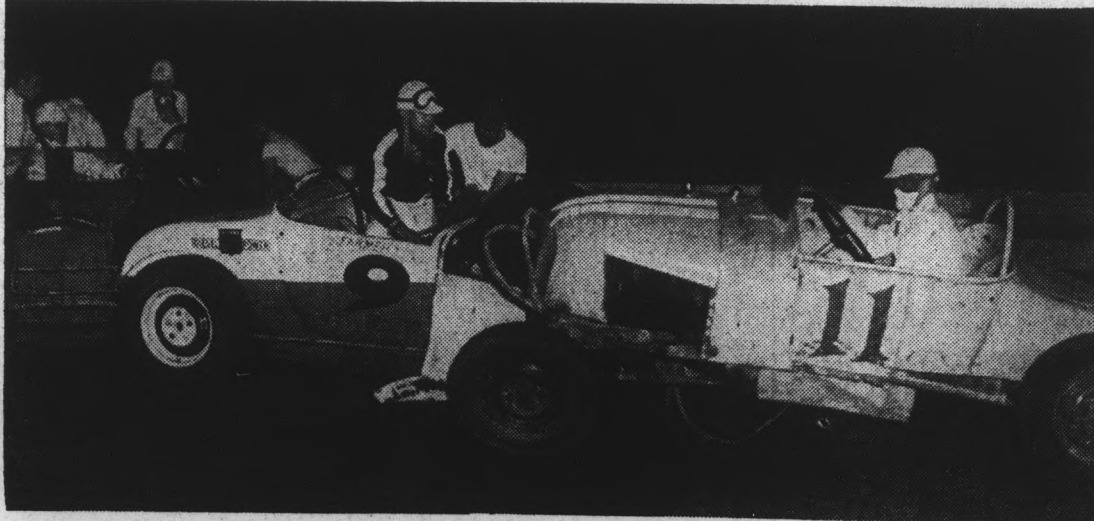
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### Porterville Hunters Bring Back Elk

PORTERVILLE, November 1, 1951 — Returning last week from an elk and deer hunting trip in the Selaway River country of Idaho were five southern Tulare county hunters — and they

brought back five elk and two deer.

In the party were George Cole, Strathmore; Norman Vossler, Woodville, and Bob Marshall, Ted Eddy and Dr. Phillip S. Barber, Porterville.

Earlier in the season, a party composed of E. D. Dinkins, Dar-

rell Patterson, Fred Cypert, Bill Dillow, of Porterville, and Archie Gray, of Washington, brought back five elk and four deer from the same area.

Artichokes are now moving in volume quantities from producing areas in California.

DAVIS, November 1, 1951 — Farmers using gated pipe for irrigation can now estimate with reasonable accuracy the amount of water being delivered to a crop through use of a chart devised by C. N. Johnson, professor of irrigation at the University of California college of agriculture.

### PRICE DECLINES

LOS ANGELES, October 26, 1951—California Valencia orange market was steady on large sizes during the past week, but easier on medium to small sizes, with sales off somewhat and with an average decline of 25 cents per box.

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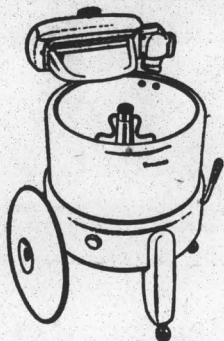
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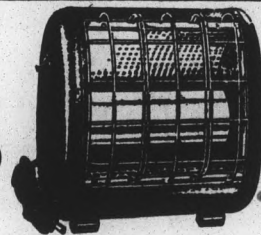
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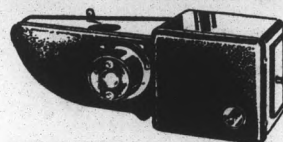
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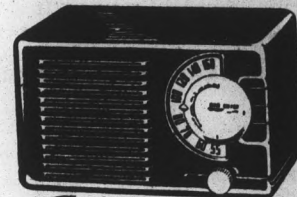
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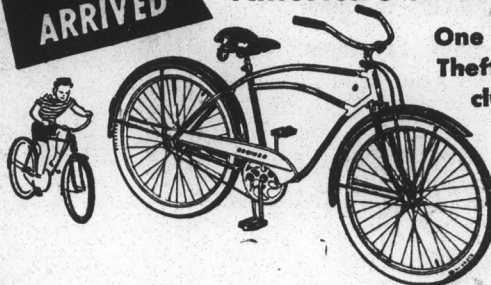


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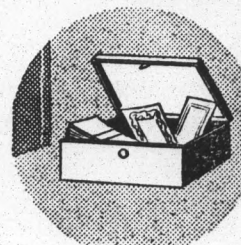
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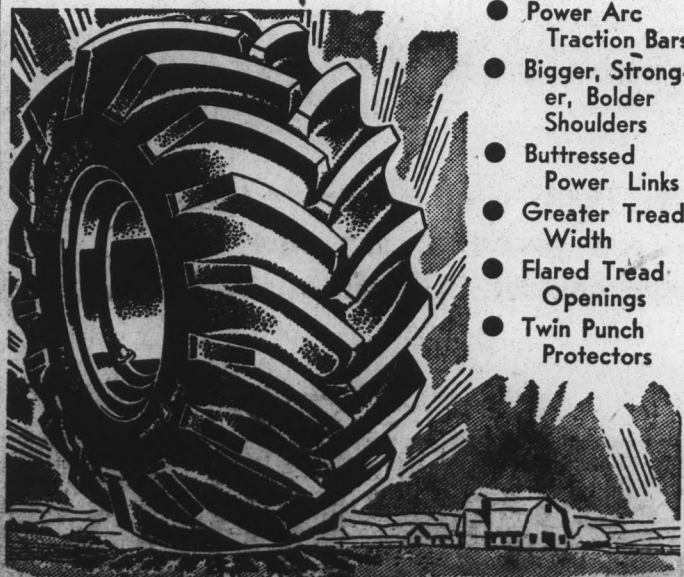
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## Law Suit Against Bureau Of Reclamation May Develop As Result Of Leaking Laterals

PORTERVILLE, October 31, 1951 — Possibility that a law suit against the bureau of reclamation may develop as the result of a defective water distribution system that is now being installed in the So. San Joaquin Municipal Utility district in the vicinity of Delano, was seen during a brief conference between Congressman Tom Werdel and Republican Central committeemen in Porterville yesterday.

Mr. Werdel said that a survey has shown that 1,200 breaks in laterals and sub-laterals of the still uncompleted distribution system have been found and that more breaks will no doubt occur in the future. Officials of the United Concrete Pipe corporation state that even before they were awarded the construction contract, they told bureau engineers that specifications for pipe were wrong.

Suit by the district against the bureau of reclamation for asserted \$5,000,000 damages has been advised by Mr. Werdel.

Bureau contract with the utility district is uncertain, Mr. Werdel said, on such basic matters as to when the system will be turned over to the district and the circumstances under which the district can make objections or refuse delivery.

Michael Strause, commissioner of reclamation, reportedly told the district board that the system will not be turned over until it is in satisfactory working condition, however the statement is not in writing.

Mr. Straus is further reported as stating that repair costs resulting from erroneous engineering specifications will not have to be borne by the district.

Mr. Werdel says, "It is my opinion Mr. Straus cannot make

the guarantees needed by the district and the taxpayers in it without additional action by congress, or a court order requiring them to correct their errors and to be paid for out of a new appropriation by congress."

Engineering costs in connection with the installation of the system — costs that are paid by the district — are unreasonably high in the San Joaquin district, Mr. Werdel said, and he further stated that under federal law, the bureau cannot be a utility or sell water to any person, but can only be a service agency to deliver water according to state law.

He said state action should be taken to define the right of water moved with tax dollars from one watershed to another watershed.

"Until that is done, the effect is to create a void in which the bureau must deliver water accumulated behind dams to someone. The result is the bureau has the power to deliver water to anyone it sees fit, because there is no state law on the subject."

"Where the amount of water is limited, as in the Friant-Kern canal, this gives the bureau the power to force utility and irrigation districts to accept its contracts or leave the districts in the position of being too late."

In this situation, he said, farmers are induced to place liens up to \$200 per acre on their land for distribution systems when there is no law by which they can enforce their water rights in the local courts.

During the meeting with T. A. Alexander, Howard McNeill, Bob Bennett and Bill Rodgers, County Central committee members, Mr. Werdel talked generally of the critical water situation throughout the San Joaquin valley.

## Sequoia Ranch Holstein Wins Highest Award

TULARE, October 25, 1951 — Trophy for having the highest producing cow in the Tulare County Dairy Herd Improvement association during the past year was last night awarded to Sequoia ranch, Springville, at the annual dinner meeting of the association held in Memorial auditorium.

The trophy, awarded by Harry Crowe Hardware Co., was won by Sequoia Lyons Quality, a cow in the herd of Mark and Bruce Borror, with a production record of 876.5 pounds of butterfat in a 305-day lactation period.

Sequoia ranch award, given annually to the dairyman whose herd shows the greatest increase for the year, went to Stanley Knight, Tipton, whose Jersey herd showed a 124.3 pounds of butterfat increase per cow.

Other awards included: Trev Moore trophy to Frank Pinheiro, Kingsburg, for the highest producing purebred herd in the association — his herd averaging

555.5 pounds of butterfat per cow; Arden Farms award went to Nunes and Sequeria for highest producing grade herd of less than 50 cows, their grade Holsteins setting a new Tulare county record with a 578.2 pounds of butterfat per cow average.

Oakview Jersey farm award for the top producing Jersey went to Elmer Ritner of Waukena, whose cow, Agatha, produced 688.4 pounds of butterfat and the Arden Farms trophy for top herd of more than 50 cows went to E. M. Cate and Son of Tulare, whose 70 cows averaged 512.4 pounds of butterfat.

Purebred Cattle association Honor Roll certificates to herds with a butterfat average of 500 pounds or over went to Mrs. J. W.

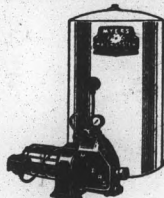
Taylor, Visalia; Frank Pinheiro; Nunes and Sequeria; E. M. Cate Jr., Tulare; B. A. McNeese, Visalia; M. Curti and Son, Waukena and E. M. Cate and Son.

Named as association president for the coming year was James Reed, Visalia dairyman; four newly elected directors include: Walter Long, Tulare; A. A. Jenkins, Tulare; Elmer Bixler, Tulare and Sidney Longacre, Porterville.

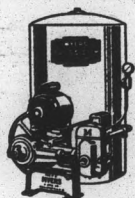
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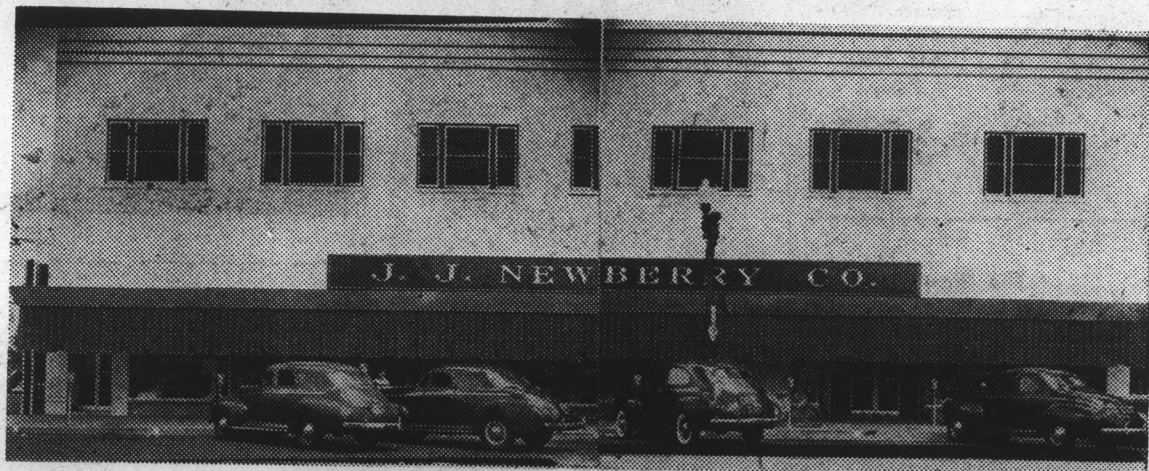
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If a union high school is formed, it would become possible for many to attend who otherwise could not stand the individual expense, and the tax on all would be much lighter, and a very much better school could be provided, not casting any aspersions on the present school, as, according to its facilities, it is first class.

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## SCOUT LEADER TRAINING COURSE IS BEING PLANNED

PORTERVILLE, Nov. 1, 1951 — A special Scout leader training course — for leaders in Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts and Explorer Scouts, will be started in the Porterville Union High School Adult Education department November 7, to continue through December 19.

Classes are scheduled for one evening a week — Wednesday, from 7:30 to 9:30 o'clock. All Scout leaders are expected to attend, in addition to others interested in Scout work.

The Porterville courses will have the following leaders: Cubbing, Leo Bodine, Lindsay; Bill Baucom, Porterville; Bob McAdams, Field Executive and Advisor. Boy Scouting, Myron Wilcox, Porterville; Wilbur McNutt, Porterville; Ted Cappelen, Assistant Scout executive and advisor. Explorer Scouting, Louis Futrell, Porterville, advisor and course leader; Cliff Faress, Strathmore. These leaders met in Visalia with leaders from the other portions of the council for a planning session on the courses to be offered.

At the conclusion of the courses all leaders will be presented course certificates and will be far along to the earning of the coveted Scout leaders key which is the highest training award made to a Scout leader. This highest award is presented at the annual meeting of the council each year.

## Conners - Ferguson At Palace Saloon

PORTERVILLE, July 13, 1889 — Quite 200 people assembled in the Palace saloon on Friday evening the fifth inst., to witness a slugging match between Henry Conners and a man named Ferguson from Visalia for \$20 aside.

Time was called at 10:30 p.m., and after a five-round tussle in which science was at a discount, the fight was awarded to Conners on a foul, the combatants being considerably blown and groggy. About \$50 worth of pools were sold, Conners selling favorite at 50 cents, Ferguson fetching \$1.50.

## STREET DRAINED

PORTERVILLE, November 2, 1889 — Last Thursday, Billy Brown ploughed a narrow ditch on Main street and the county road as far as the slough, draining off the water that had accumulated there during the recent rains. He will afterwards fill in the holes in the streets with rock and sand.

With most of California's peaches now harvested, freestone crop this year is indicated at 259,000 tons; clingstones, 563,000 tons.

## Price Reduction Expected To Push Orange Concentrate

PORTERVILLE, Nov. 1, 1951 — Consumers all over the nation will be encouraged to taste test the superiority of California frozen concentrated orange juice as the result of action of the California Fruit Growers' Exchange according to Don Thompson, manager of the Sunkist Products department.

"Instead of giving away samples as has been done with some products, we will offer consumers a price reduction for a limited time to encourage them to try our product which is the newest of the first line frozen concentrated orange juice," Thompson said.

In recognition of the import-

ance of sampling and the price factor affecting the current household budgets, the Exchange has announced a special fall promotional program. The plan will enable housewives to buy California Sunkist frozen orange juice concentrate for a limited time at prices competitive with other California brands and the frozen product from other citrus producing states.

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## RESEARCH SCIENCE IN BEEF CATTLE INDUSTRY DISCUSSED BY DR. H. H. COLE AT CATTLEMEN'S BANQUET SATURDAY

PORTERVILLE, October 29, 1951 — H. H. Cole, acting head of the Animal Husbandry department at Davis, spoke on research science in relation to the beef cattle industry at the annual fall dinner meeting of the Tulare County Cattlemen's association, held Saturday evening at the Forestry building in Porterville.

Dr. Cole told of experiments in the use of hormones to fatten cattle, stating that present results indicate that feed-lot cattle will produce better gains when hormones are used, but that gain is not improved if cattle are on pasture. He said that hormones can be used only to fatten steers, not heifers.

The University of California, through Davis, is now conducting beef cattle experiments throughout the state, Dr. Cole said, in the fields of progeny testing of beef bulls; supplemental feeding of range cattle and determination of breeds best suited to Imperial valley.

In commenting on the curriculum at Davis, the speaker said that more emphasis is now being placed on a practical program — that students are being sent to work on ranches during the summers and at times for an entire year to gain practical experience to supplement the scientific knowledge they get in the classroom.

Reestablishing of a livestock judging team is now being considered at Davis, Dr. Cole said, and he expressed the opinion that while type is important in the show ring, system of judging should be modified in order that genetics could also be considered.

The speaker was introduced by H. C. Jackson, Visalia, manager of the California Farm Bureau Marketing association; Jack Chrisman, Visalia, president of the association, presided; John Dennis, Ducor 4-H member, was presented with a framed picture of his grand champion steer shown at the Porterville Junior Livestock Show last May, the presentation being made for the association by Bill Rodgers.

Assisting in serving the barbecued beef and beans dinner were members of the Ducor and Springville 4-H clubs; Tulare County Cowbells were in charge of table decorations; special guests included Henry Bowen, president of the Kern County Cattlemen's association; Jack McNutt, supervisor of the Sequoia National forest; Dave Merrill, Taft; George Barnes, Visalia Production and Credit association; Carl Ansbery, Federal Intermediate Credit Bank of Berkeley; Bill Barnard, hide and brand inspector and Sandy Robinson, sheriff of Tulare county.

### POLITICS

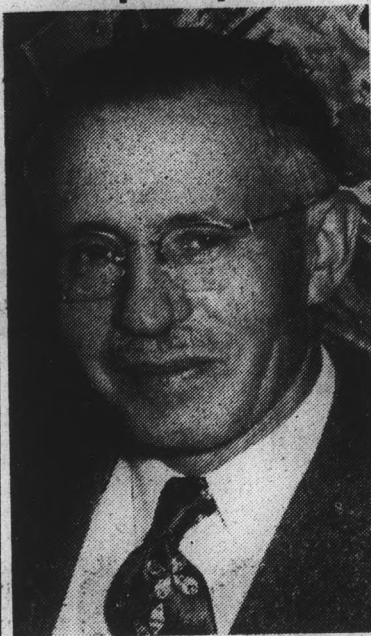
PORTERVILLE, October 7, 1951 — At the district Republican convention held in this city, Saturday morning, J. W. Davis, of Porterville, was named as the candidate for the state assembly from this district. The Democratic nominee for assembly is A. M. Lumley, also from Porterville.

### BEAR KILLED

WHITE RIVER, April 27, 1889 — Alma Hall and Will Crabtree killed a large black bear on Monday night which weighed 400 pounds and was eight feet long. Bruin had killed a hog the same day and the boys set a gun for him that evening with the result as stated.

Considerable damage to fall lettuce was caused by the recent hot weather in the central coastal producing areas.

### Banquet Speaker



DR. H. H. COLE, acting head of the animal husbandry division at Davis, who spoke on scientific research in relation to the livestock business at the annual fall dinner meeting of the Tulare County Cattlemen's association held last Saturday night in Porterville.

## HIGHWAY 65 FUND ALLOCATION GETS APPROVAL

PORTERVILLE, October 30, 1951 — With announcement from Sacramento yesterday that \$150,000 has been allocated by the state department of public works for right-of-way purchase along the new route of highway 65, the value of concerted action on such matters is indicated.

Appearing before the state highway commission on October 18 and asking for this allocation were representatives of the Porterville and Woodlake chambers of commerce, the Tulare county chamber of commerce and the Orange Belt Highway association.

Harry J. Johnson, Herman Matzke and Andy Morrison attended the highway commission meeting from Porterville; Ivan Peterson, Strathmore; Mr. and Mrs. Arnold C. Burnett and Earl Davis, Woodlake and Harold G. Rainwater, Visalia.

### MINE STARTED

WHITE RIVER, April 27, 1889 — William James and Frank Potts have begun work on the old Saginaw mine on Gordon Gulch. They have lately purchased and placed in position engines and pumps and as soon as the mine can be pumped dry, they will go on taking out ore.

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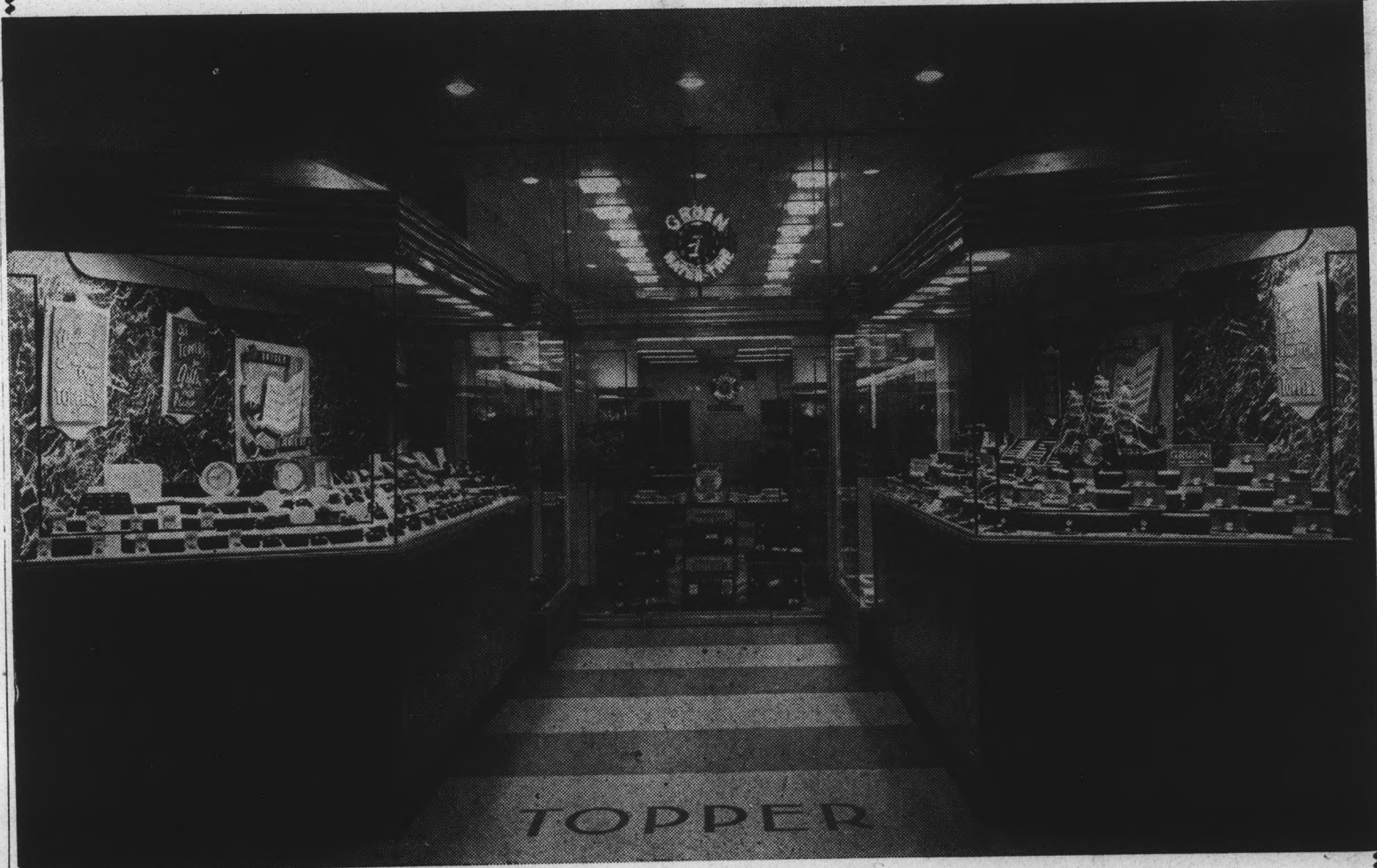
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